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IT'S COOL TO BE CURVY

Big-busted stunners are being urged to follow these four girls' example by entering the Star in a Bra competition. The curvy contest is looking for one woman to become the face and body of a new bigger-sized brand of underwear.

Last year's competition saw teenager Daisy Hill, from Gillingham, come past thousands of hopefuls from across the country to finish in second place.

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BY SIMON ROBINSON

THE Mayor of London has been accused of flip-flopping over plans to build a multi-million pound airport in the Thames Estuary.

Boris Johnson unveiled tentative proposals last year and ordered a steering group to carry out feasibility studies into the controversial idea.

But last week the Mayor appeared on BBC1's Question Time panel and said: "I don't want to build an estuary in the, er, an airport in the Thames Estuary."

A Mayoral spokesman said Mr Johnson was "referring to the fact that there are no actual plans in place to build an airport".

However, a coalition of opponents to the airport plan – including Medway Council, KCC and the RSPB – has called on the Tory Mayor to further clarify his position.

In an open letter to the Mayor, Medway Council Leader Rodney Chambers wrote: "Dear Boris, it would appear that a number of differing and conflicting views are coming out of your office with regards to the Thames Estuary airport."

"Last week, I went with my fellow councillors as part of a delegation from Medway Council to see deputy mayor, Kit Malthouse, to demand that your island airport plan is grounded."

"We all made our view completely clear – that we are unanimously against this pie in the sky scheme."

"Mr Malthouse told us that the steering group you have set up into the airport will

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Scally 'did not know' about his court summons

■ BY IAN READ

USING his mobile phone on the move cost Gills chairman Paul Scally a six month driving ban and £600 in fines and court costs.

He was spotted by police using the phone last August while driving his black BMW into Dover ferry port, Canterbury Magistrates were told.

Julie Farbrace, prosecuting, said that when asked Mr Scally admitted the call was not an emergency.

The football boss failed to appear at Friday's hearing despite a request from magistrates that he do so because the three point penalty would take him over the driving ban threshold of 12 points.

Christopher Waters, defending, said the first Mr Scally knew about his conviction on January 29 was when he was asked about it by the press.

He added that the absentee chairman now lives in Dubai and mail addressed to him at his house at Crouch near Sevenoaks is collected for him by club manager Mark Stimson and taken to Priestfield.

Mr Waters continued: "Mr Scally is now domiciled in Dubai and was unaware of these proceedings."

Mr Scally said he felt the court was using him as an example to others, adding that the house in Crouch was cut off by snow during long periods in December and January so a lot of his mail remained uncollected.

In a letter to the bench Mr Scally claimed he had not had a chance to defend himself, as although he still owned the house near Borough Green he usually flew into the country before games and left straight afterwards.



CONVICTED: Gills boss Paul Scally

He asked for the conviction to be quashed because he'd received no notification of the hearing.

He said: "The case in question would not have been defended on the basis on that the potential loss of my driving licence would have caused great hardship, but on the basis I was not guilty of the offence for which your court has apparently convicted me. Had I the opportunity of defending myself I believe any reasonable and fair minded person would have reached the same conclusion."

Mr Scally asked the court to reopen the case but found it 'staggering' that they refused.

He continued: "I believe the court has acted in a most unfair and unjust way and whilst I will accept today's decision I will nonetheless take this matter further as it raises some serious questions about the judicial system and procedures you have been applying."

He was fined £500 and ordered to pay £85 costs plus £15 victim surcharge. It is understood Mr Scally intends to appeal to Canterbury Crown Court.



STUNNING: Lulu is sharing her beauty secrets

Lulu's book signing is looking good for fans

MUSIC legend Lulu is heading to Bluewater shopping centre this week for the release of her new book.

The singer-songwriter will sign copies of her beauty secrets book called Lulu's Secrets to Looking Good on Friday, March 19, from 5pm.

Assistant manager Andrea Warner: "We're excited to be welcoming such a legend to the store for a book signing. Lulu is amazing."

"She's timeless and ageless and spans every generation, from her early career in the 60s and winning Eurovision over 30 years ago, to her duet with Take That, she's had a fascinating life, but has always looked completely radiant and fabulous throughout, and even more so now than ever."

"Her book details exactly how she does it, and is a great read."

Duo assault man in high street pub toilet

A MAN has been brutally assaulted following an unprovoked attack in Rochester.

The 35-year-old was in the George Vaults toilets on Saturday, January 30, at about 10.30pm, when he was approached by two men and assaulted, suffering injuries to his face and eye.

The suspects were said to be in their mid 30s, with one being 5ft 10in and the other 6ft 6in.

The taller man had long brown hair and was of medium build. He was wearing a black leather jacket with a white T-shirt and jeans and spoke in a strong Scottish accent.

The smaller man had short brown hair, medium build and was wearing a blue jacket and jeans.

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Justice will be seen on internet

CONVICTED criminals sentenced at magistrates courts across Kent will now find their names on the Kent Police website.

This morning Justice Minister Claire Ward visited Kent Police HQ in Maidstone for the official launch of the new service, a first in Britain.

Ms Ward congratulated Kent Police on setting up the system, which follows her department's commitment to let more people see what goes on in the courts of Britain.

"We want to make sure people see the whole process from the original offence through to conviction," she told her audience, which included chairman of the Kent Police Authority Ann Barnes.

She added: "It is not just about justice being done, but also justice being seen to be done."

Details about defendants are simple and include the name, age and address of the person convicted, appearance date, court and sentence.

Assistant Chief Constable Gary Beautridge presented the new website and told guests it was an important part of continually reassuring the public in one of the lowest crime areas of Britain.

Kent police developed the new service in co-operation with newspaper groups from the county, who were invited to speak with the minister. KOS Media's group editor Gary Wright was amongst them.

The court details will also be provided to the county's newspapers, which will be able to carry the results.

Mr Wright said: "I spoke with the minister who knew how newspapers

find it increasingly difficult to be in court all of the time and this step by Kent Police will help more people see more of what goes on.

"This new service is useful to us as well."

ACC Beautridge said: "I am really grateful for the advice we have received from KOS Media about our Justice Seen, Justice Done feature on the Kent Police website."

"It was important for us to understand what the readers of your newspapers want to know about and that's why we called on the expertise of one of the county's senior journalists as part of our consultation before we launched this."

To see the latest results released by Kent Police, go to their website www.kent.police.uk and click on the Justice Seen, Justice Done icon.

The wonderful Wizard of Oz returns to town

Munchkins are needed for fun family panto

■ BY MATHEW BEECH

TV STARS Joe Pasquale and Dani Harmer have followed the yellow brick road to Chatham ready for a new Easter pantomime.

Funnyman Joe will take up the role of the scarecrow, while Dani will return to the role of Dorothy four years since she last donned the red shoes at the Central Theatre's Easter production of the Wizard of Oz.

Rochester resident and Central Theatre regular Joe said: "I've always come here over the last 15 years.

"I always come here on my stand-up tour, so it's a nice local gig."

The comic sees the show as an important step in getting youngsters hooked on the theatre.

He added: "At the moment, all kids know is what is behind a video screen.

"So when they get into a theatre for the first time, they're like 'I didn't know it was like this'.



STORY: Dani Harmer and Joe Pasquale are amongst the cast of this popular, much-loved show

"I think it is important kids are introduced to live theatre."

Budding pop star and Tracey Beaker actress Dani Harmer reprises her role of Dorothy and is excited about the prospect of working on the show again.

"I did it four years ago when I was 17 and it's the same cast and the same production so I jumped at the chance really," she said.

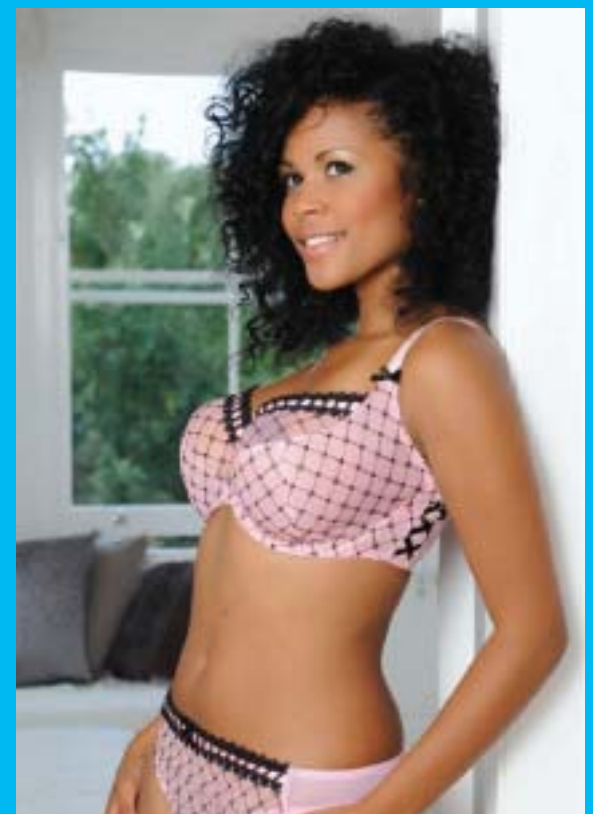
"The audience is always good and the Wizard of Oz is everyone's favourite film really, so I'm just pleased to be part of it."

Producer Gary Telfer said: "We're really looking forward to coming back to Medway with this fantastic show."

The show, which runs from April 1 to April 5, will tell the classic story nine times over the bank holiday weekend.

Tickets cost £15-17 and are available from the Central Theatre Box Office on 01634 338338 or online at www.thecentraltheatre.co.uk

Children aged six and upwards are needed to star as the Munchkins and roles can be reserved by visiting www.newworldworkshops.co.uk.



SHOW OFF YOUR CURVES

Fuller-figured women are being urged to show some front by putting themselves forward for the Star in a Bra competition.

The nationwide competition will see one girl become the face and body of the big bust brand Curvy Kate.

Last year Gillingham teenager Daisy Hill (pictured) narrowly missed out on winning the title, finishing in second place.

The 19-year-old said she was delighted to have done so well.

For more details and to enter visit www.curvykate.com.

Coppers challenged by charity cycling

FOUR peddle-powered police officers have completed an arduous eight-day cycling challenge across Central America.

PCs Colin Grant, Dave Saunders and Anne Jeffery were joined on the 600-mile trip by British Transport Police Inspector Ian Pennington.

The group rode from Panama to Lake Nicaragua and were raising cash for Macmillan Cancer Care in memory of PC Jan Patten-den, who died from the disease in 2009.

PC Dave Saunders said: "It was a hard journey over constantly changing landscape, including steep climbs and a 14-mile off-road downhill section.

"Cycling around the volcanic regions of Costa Rica was amazing.

"Macmillan is such a good cause and we were inspired to carry on by the messages from colleagues and friends that we took with us."

PC Colin Grant added: "It was a really tough journey, but the knowledge that we were doing it in



ON THEIR BIKES: The police charity cycle challenge team

memory of Jan brought us through and we were ecstatic once we finally crossed the finish line.

"We are hopeful of raising over £15,000 for charity and we're already on the way to achieving that.

"If anyone still wants to donate money, then it is welcome and can be done at www.justgiving.com/Colin-Grant-onyerbike.

"I would like to thank all those who have already donated and shown great generosity."

Mixed up messages from Mayor Boris

CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE continue and he hoped that 'from a personal point of view' we will eventually see the benefit of placing a six runway airport on an island off the Kent and Medway coast.

"Just days later, you were on BBC's Question Time telling the audience: 'I don't want to build an estuary in the, er, an airport in the Thames Estuary'.

"This lack of clarity is confusing and I strongly feel this whole matter needs to be cleared up."

Labour's minister for transport Sadiq Khan MP also attacked the Mayor's handling of the proposals, saying: "Boris Johnson's comment last night is further proof that the idea of a Thames Estuary airport is in chaos.

"It cannot be justified on transport grounds and has no serious support from any quarter. It is hard to see how any further public expenditure on this idea can be defended."

A spokesperson for the Mayor moved to explain



CONFUSING: Boris Johnson

Mr Johnson's Question Time comments, saying: "The Mayor was referring to the fact that there are no actual plans in place to build an airport.

"However he believes the complex and critical decisions on Britain's aviation future require mature exploration of every possible option.

"He has set up a steering group whose role is to oversee further study and research on issues in the estuary such as energy, flood management, transport, ecology and regeneration.

"Their research will be invaluable when deciding if a new airport there could meet London's future needs."

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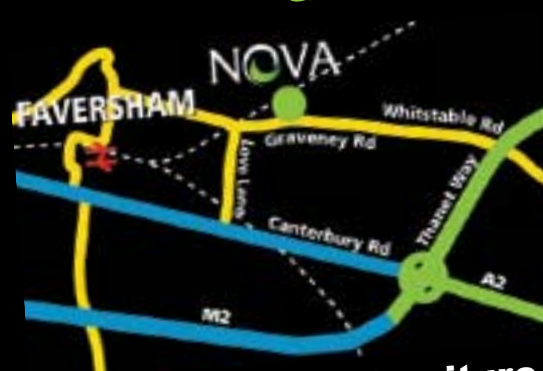
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SENTENCED: Christopher Eggleton, left, was given seven-and-a-half years for the manslaughter of Martin Barlow, right

Seven years for bus driver who ran over builder

A bus driver has been jailed for more than seven years after running a man over in a bus.

Arriva bus driver Christopher Eggleton, of Dale Street, Chatham, ran over Martin Barlow after the man came to complain about his Mitsubishi Trojan pick-up being hit by passing buses.

Father-of-four Eggleton, 46, drove off and Mr Barlow, 30, went under the bus, watched by horrified residents in Catherine Street, Rochester, where he lived.

He was tried at Maidstone Crown Court last week. The jury spent almost a day considering charges of manslaughter and causing death by dangerous driving.

After deciding on a guilty verdict for the more serious charge of manslaughter, the jury did not have to come to a verdict on the dangerous driving charge. After the verdict, Mr Barlow's father, Simon, stood outside the court and read a prepared statement.

He said: "The death of Martin has left our family devastated. It has brought us closer together, but we will never be the same again."

The judge, Mr Justice Akenhead, said: "This was a tragic case. He was a popular man, not prone to anger. He wasn't drunk or out of control."

The judge said Eggleton should have stopped and calmed the situation down, as a previous driver had done when stopped by

■ BY ANNA WHITE

Mr Barlow.

The court heard that Mr Barlow had his hands against the windows to stop the driver as the bus moved forward, but as he turned to walk away, Eggleton sped up.

The judge said the Barlow family had shown great dignity: "Whatever prison sentence I give will not ease the pain felt by Martin's family and friends."

He sentenced Eggleton to seven-and-a-half years in jail and banned him from driving for seven years. His victim was dragged 450 metres along the street underneath the six-and-a-half tonne Arriva bus Eggleton was driving on July 3 last year.

Mr Barlow died as result of extensive fractures to his skull and spine. Tests revealed the builder was three times over the drink-drive limit, but witnesses said he wasn't drunk.

Witness Lewis Bennett, 16, was in Catherine Street when he saw Mr Barlow in the middle of the road banging his hands on the front window of the bus.

The teenager said: "He put his hands up to stop the vehicle and it kept coming. He was sucked underneath it and dragged along the road. There were lots of people screaming and crying and being sick. It was horrible to see a man get killed like that."

Physio runs races in memory of his gran

A PHYSIOTHERAPIST is planning a gruelling triple marathon to raise money for the Alzheimer's Society.

Jamie Crosswell, a cardiac rehabilitation physiotherapist for Medway Community Healthcare, said he is taking up the challenge in memory of his grandmother, who passed away last year after having the disease.

The 25-year-old said: "My grandmother is my inspiration, nothing stopped her."

The physio is hoping to raise £1,250, to fund an online site for people with dementia, called Talking Point, hosted by the Alzheimer's Society, for a month.



MARATHON MAN: Inspired runner Jamie Crosswell

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Woman dies in house fire

A LATE-NIGHT blaze claimed the life of an elderly woman from Walderslade.

Fire crews were called to the fatal fire in Chestnut Avenue, Walderslade, on Thursday, March 4, when a neighbour raised the alarm shortly after 10pm.

Two crews from Medway fire station and one from Chatham fought the blaze but were unable to save the life of the victim.

Fire chief Steve Griffiths said: "Despite crews best efforts an elderly woman died at the scene."

"Our sympathies are with the family, neighbours and local communities who have no doubt been left shocked by what has happened."

"When someone is injured or dies it makes us even more determined to focus our efforts on fire prevention and community safety."

A fire investigation team is working with police to determine to cause of the blaze, but it is not being treated as suspicious.

Free family history days

CURIOUS residents researching their family tree are being given free expert help.

Courses will teach would-be genealogists how to navigate online database www.ancestry.co.uk, as well as other top tips.

The lessons, being offered by the Kent Family History Society, will take place at Strood library today (Wednesday), Chatham library on Wednesday, March 24, and Gillingham Library on Wednesday, March 31.

Medway Council's community services boss Howard Doe said: "The sessions are excellent for getting tips on researching family history."

Father calls for organ donors

A NURSE is encouraging potential life-savers to join the organ donor register.

Medway Maritime Hospital intensive care nurse Richard Spooner said: "I've been involved with approaching families of those who may be eligible to donate organs, and I've also been the relative that was approached."

"My daughter Rachael passed away in 2004 aged 24, after having a brain haemorrhage."

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Style icon Celia puts her stamp on 'buzzing' UCA

LEGENDARY textile designer and fashion icon Celia Birtwell has praised new equipment at a Medway university, saying it will revolutionise students' work.

Ms Birtwell, who made her name in the homeware and clothing industries in the 1960s, was the guest of honour at the University for the Creative Arts, Rochester, to open its recently refurbished textile department.

The former muse of artist David Hockney said she was impressed with the centre's new facilities, including print tables, dye labs and cutting areas.

But the centrepiece of the project is a new digital fabric printer which will allow the students to produce better quality and more innovative designs at a faster pace.

Speaking exclusively to Yourmedway at the event on Thursday evening, the designer said: "I had a tour of the campus and I think the facilities are just great.

"If this university had been around when I was studying in the '50s I would have wanted to

■ BY ANNA WHITE

come here.

"The university allows the students to learn the basics – and when you have the basics you can't go wrong – before progressing and eventually entering the industry.

"The whole atmosphere here has a great vibe – it feels like it's buzzing all the time.

"The lecturers here have passion for the course and for the students and I think that is what makes it brilliant. You need someone with that much enthusiasm to make it work and it does."

Course leader Neil Bottle said: "We are extremely fortunate to have someone of Celia's calibre to open our new facilities at UCA Rochester.

"She has an amazing track record and is always interested in new developments. We are honoured to have her here."

Ms Birtwell was launched into the industry when she met fashion designer Ossie Clark, who she later went on to marry.

The textile icon would provide the prints for



FASHION GURU: Legendary designer Celia Birtwell makes her mark as she visits UCA's new textile department

her partner's creations and together they would dress the likes of The Beatles, Jimi Hendrix, The Rolling Stones and even members of the British aristocracy.

When Birtwell split from Clark in 1973 she continued to design but focused more on interiors collections instead of clothing.

She eventually returned to fashion and proved even after 20 years out of the business she could pull in the customers when her special collection for Topshop sold out in less than six minutes in 2006 and again in 2008.

Ms Birtwell continues to design ranges for the high street chain. A range of clothing and furniture will be available at John Lewis stores later this year.

Police kick troubled teens into touch

TEENAGERS have kicked off a new football league with help from the police. Neighbourhood officers in Rainham have helped create the seven-a-side tournament for players aged 14 to 16.

PCSO Richards said: "We set up the league at the Play Football centre after residents reported anti-social behaviour.

"If any of the players are found to be involved in anti-social behaviour then they're barred from playing.

"Since we began I've seen an improvement in the relationship between Kent Police and the teenagers and the feedback has also been really positive."



Mum-to-be sessions

EXPECTANT mothers can have their questions answered at special pre-natal courses in Strood.

The Temple Mill Children's Centre in Cliffe Road is running the sessions, which aim to provide a 'full package' of information.

Treatments, demonstrations and information covering a variety of areas, such as waterbirth, will also be available.

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QUESTION & ANSWER

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Q Tell us a little bit about yourself.

A I run LB Graphics, an art and design company. We specialise in corporate imaging for small companies. Last year I gained an honours degree in fine art, which extended my company further into the arts field. I'm also involved with The Polka Dot, an independent art space specialising in Swale-based artists. I run this with my partner Colin Barnard, who is a sculptor. This year we will be showing our own work at the centre, based on recycling materials. The Polka Dot also runs art workshops.

Q What is the Swale Arts Forum?

A It was formed three years ago by a group of like-minded people who wanted to promote the arts in Swale. It is now a respected organisation for artists and groups from all sectors of the creative industries. It brings together people from every aspect of the arts, including music, film, theatre, dance, creative writing and fine arts. The meetings are informal and encourage the exchange of ideas and information. Everyone is welcome but, obviously, we would like to encourage groups or individual artists to join the forum – it's just £25 per year.

Q How did you get involved?

A Two years ago I wanted to meet up with other local artists but didn't know where to

start. I saw a notice in the local paper about the Swale Arts Forum. The group meets in the Avenue Theatre, Sittingbourne. Last year I became chair. Colin and I set up a sub-group for visual artists called Swale Arts. We meet at the Red Lion, in Sittingbourne High Street, on the first Monday of each month at 8pm and have our first major exhibition at the Horsebridge Art Centre, Whitstable, from March 10 to 16.

Q What do you hope to achieve through the Forum?

A Inclusion and interaction. The Forum wants to ensure decisions made locally value, promote and support the arts in Swale. We actively seek creative collaboration, partnerships and co-operation for the benefit of the whole community, offering real incentives to artists and arts-based organisations to develop creative projects.

Q What's the best and worst bits of your job?

A The best thing is the people I meet. Swale is blessed with the most amazing talents and venues. We have a fantastic variety and diversity of everything. There really is so much going on here, it's just a bit harder to find than most places, but well worth looking. The worst bit is after putting in so much effort to run an event and no one turns up. That is so disheartening, but we still do it again because we are all passionate about our craft.

Q What sort of people is the Forum attracting?

A It encompasses the complete arts spectrum. We are looking to develop partnerships with heritage groups, local businesses, event management and tourism – in fact anything that will help promote the wealth of cultural activities that Swale has to offer.

Q How can arts help to regenerate Swale?

A The regeneration of Swale is a huge commitment. Working within communities, art can help find their soul and purpose – it has the ability to cross all boundaries if given the right environment. We are trying to create that environment.

Q Anything else you would like to say?

A Please support the efforts of the Swale Arts Forum as without you we achieve nothing. There will be a summer festival in Sittingbourne, a big heritage event in Sheerness, The Creek Creative project is opening in Faversham, the Polka Dot in Teynham has loads of workshops and artists will be at Perry Woods and Oare Gunpowder Works this summer. We have three Theatres in Swale and three cinemas, and a new arts project at Art at The Centre on Sheppey and Milton Creek project are both underway. So get involved – it is truly surprising what you will find!

Q & A

Sioux Peto runs an art design company and is the chairman of the Swale Arts Forum. She talks to **Jill Hurst** about how the arts are helping to regenerate the district and her wish to involve more of the community

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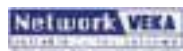
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Medway Maritime Hospital's head of CT Laura Shell said: "It wasn't always convenient for patients to come back to hospital for their CT scan. We wanted to make life easier for them."

"We've already seen more than a hundred patients at our new walk-in clinic over the last month – they have all been saved an extra trip to the hospital."

To find out more about Medway NHS Foundation Trust, visit www.medway.nhs.uk.

Man arrested for suspected robbery

A 21-year-old man from Gillingham has been arrested on suspicion of an attempted early morning robbery.

His arrest comes after an incident on Sunday in Canterbury Street, near the entrance to Gillingham Park, at about 3.30am.

Officers were called following reports that a man in his 30s was the victim of an attempted robbery.

Police are looking for witnesses. If you have information, call investigating officers on 01634 792644 or CrimeStoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Castle open to public as wall is made safe

■ BY MATTHEW BEECH

HERITAGE bosses have begun the painstaking process of repairing a weather-beaten wall at Rochester Castle.

The damaged section of outer wall, which surrounds the gardens in Bakers Walk, collapsed during storms in the early hours of Monday, March 1.

Peter Kendall from English Heritage said contractors had erected scaffolding to protect the supporting structure from further damage and were now focused on rebuilding the wall.

He said: "Repair of the damage must be approached carefully so that the fabric and buried archaeological evidence associated with the older castle walls is preserved."

"The appearance of the more recent walls must also be reinstated in such a way that the problem is not likely to reoccur."

The part of the wall affected is a retaining wall, built in the early 20th century, and is not part of the Roman or medieval walls.

Medway council will work closely with English Heritage during the coming weeks to further support the walls and carry out a full structural assessment.

Medway council's community services boss



SAFE AS HOUSES: Historic Rochester Castle is still open to visitors as the collapsed wall is made secure for the public

Howard Doe said: "Our priority here was to ensure the site was safe and secure for members of the public and to assess the risk for any further damage."

"We have been on site and are working closely with English Heritage to ensure there were no further risks and to assess the best way to maintain the castle's medieval walls."

"Rochester Castle is a vital part of Medway's heritage. The area affected by this has been safely fenced off and the castle, as well as the

gardens, will remain open for visitors."

The collapse is thought to be due to the heavy rainfall and snow of recent weeks saturating the concrete and soil that lies behind the retaining wall.

The estimated cost of repairs has been set at between £20,000 and £30,000. English Heritage is understood to be liable for the works.

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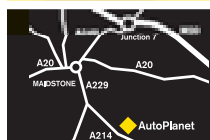
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Wireless 'Avatar' technology opens up new medical world

■ BY CHRIS MURPHY

TECHNOLOGY used to make triple-Oscar winning 3D film Avatar is being used by a university to research groundbreaking ways of allowing sick children to leave behind life-saving monitoring equipment.

The hi-tech movie approach is being used by researchers at the School of Engineering and Digital Arts at the University of Kent.

It has snapped up a motion capture system and scanner to research how wireless devices actually work.

Most of us know the concept of a wireless device thanks to our wide use of mobile phones and laptops. But we also know how annoying it is when we lose the signal.

What this new equipment will hopefully do is allow the development of machines and sensors that don't drop their signals.

Once that's done, they could be used in hospitals to free patients 'tied' to vital monitoring machines.



REAL LIFE: Student Alan Yang in motion capture suit



NEW WORLD: James Cameron's 3D blockbuster Avatar used motion capture technology to create stunning visuals

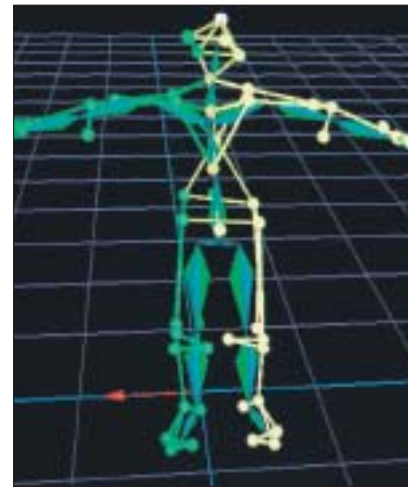
They could even be used in people's homes. This new project is being run with Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital in London.

Dr John Batchelor is a senior lecturer in electronic engineering at the University of Kent. He realised a wireless system would allow youngsters in hospital who are wired to various machines more freedom to get up and play.

But wireless is prone to losing connection, just like a mobile phone. But if this happened while a child was hooked up wirelessly to something like a heart monitoring machine and lost connection during a heart attack, the results could be fatal.

So using a £500,000 grant from the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council, Dr Batchelor bought a VICON infrared motion capture system and a 3D laser Anthroscan scanner which produces 3D image of an entire person in a few seconds. It's one of just two in the UK.

Using the big budget movie quality system, he will be able to monitor exactly how wireless



ON SCREEN: Human figure captured in computer model



GREEN SCREEN: Student's movements are captured

radio waves 'wrap' around a person or object. His team will be able to help design a new breed of devices that can 'see' each other all the time, no matter what obstacles are placed between the sender and receiver.

The data will be used to animate 3D scans of their bodies. It is these 'avatars', or computer-animated characters, that will allow the team to analyse radio waves 'creeping' around the body and from this ascertain the implications for power and battery management on wireless devices.

Dr Batchelor said: "Currently, children undergoing lengthy observations in hospitals may be tethered by cables and wires for long periods. When I heard about this, I thought there had to be a way to free them and other patients from their attachment to machines."

"By extension, new methods must also now be found to allow ill and ageing people to stay in their own homes, where many of them would prefer to be."



ACTION POSE: Scanned avatar performs a karate kick

AUSTRALIAN heart-throb Jason Donovan made a flying visit to Bluewater last week.

And he admitted he's never worked harder in his long career as he prepares for another musical, the release of a new album and hosting a weekly top radio show.

The 41-year-old, who made his name in hit soap Neighbours before embarking on a remarkable career which saw him top the charts with a string of singles and then tread the boards in West End musicals, was helping launch the latest Australian travel brochure for travel firm Kuoni.

Hundreds of fans queued up to get a glimpse of the star, who chatted and signed autographs.

Donovan presents a regular Sunday night show on Heart – previously Invicta FM – and was joined at Bluewater by drivetime host Neil Kefford.

It was the start of a long day for the star. He is currently appearing in the musical Priscilla Queen of the Desert in London and is already starting rehearsals for his role in the touring version of Jeff Wayne's The War Of The Worlds. It takes in a host of arena dates later this year and next – including a show at the O2 Arena in Greenwich.

Speaking exclusively to this newspaper, Donovan revealed what he believes is the

Stars in her eyes as our Anna meets Aussie actor Donovan



HELLO THERE: Yourmaidstone reporter Anna White and Tunbridge Wells on Sunday editor Chris Britcher fulfil an ambition by meeting Australian actor, singer and DJ Jason Donovan

secret to a career which has now stretched over 20 years in the limelight.

He explained: "One could argue you need to



have a little bit of talent to last this long. But you need a lot of luck along the way, and I work very hard. I don't finish work today, for

example, until 11.30pm.

"The essence of it is a love for the craft of singing, acting and performing. I still love that side of it. It's a lot of hard work and a highly pressured job."

"I cope with that thanks to a great family."

And he enjoys his trips to Kent when he gets the chance to visit from his west London home.

He said: "I've been here lots. I'd like to spend more quality time here, but my main base is London. I do have connections with Ashford through my family, but I haven't spent much time there."

Mr Donovan rose to fame as Scott Robinson in Neighbours with his on-screen relationship with Kylie Minogue developing off it too.

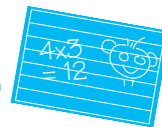
After securing three number one hits in the late 1980s, his career nose-dived after he successfully sued The Face magazine after they suggested he was gay.

He was tagged homophobic – a claim he has always denied – and later admitted taking the court action was one of the biggest mistakes of his life.

In the mid-1990s he suffered an addiction to cocaine and cannabis. He has been clean for ten years and found fame more recently when he starred in ITV1's I'm a Celebrity.

He releases a new album in September.

Picture: ANNA WHITE



BREAK TIME

You game for a life?

AN INNOVATIVE game show is coming to the end of a two-week tour of schools to help teenagers plan for the future.

The What Will You Do? tour targets 14 to 16-year-olds with advice about career options and training opportunities.

Favourite TV shows have been adapted to create Medway Mastermind and I'm a Schoolebrity ... to help get the message across.

Project manager Kirstie Pritchard said: "The roadshow aims to raise the aspirations of young people and give them information and ideas."

Children's services boss Cllr Les Wicks said: "We want young people in Medway to feel supported as they step into adulthood."

The remaining tour dates for the road show are: today (Wednesday), Greenacre School and The Howard School; tomorrow (Thursday) Strood Academy; and Friday, March 12, Thomas Aveling School.

Right royal welcome

THE Princess Royal will visit Gillingham on Thursday, March 25, to open MidKent College's new £86 million campus.

Her Royal Highness will tour the campus before meeting staff and students. Princess Anne will then be invited to view photographs taken of the Duke of Edinburgh when he opened the college's Horsted site in 1955.

The day will be rounded off with the unveiling of a commemorative plaque.

Medway campus principal Sue McLeod said: "We are delighted Princess Anne has agreed to officially open the campus."

The campus opened to students in September, 2009, and was built to replace the Horsted and City Way sites.

Beauty that's skin deep



FLORAL GLORY: A MidKent College student practises her henna tattooing skills

■ BY MATHEW BEECH

TRAINEE hairdressers and beauticians were given lessons in international style at MidKent College's Medway campus.

Visiting stylist Regina Moore, an expert in Afro-Caribbean hair design, gave students tips and advice during two workshops.

Activities available at the first workshop, which was run before the half-term week, included braiding, creating cornrows and sewing-in hair extensions.

The second workshop gave the teenagers an opportunity to practise their henna tattoo designs.

Holistic therapies lecturer Mandie Lal said: "Regina was great. She put the students at ease and ensured that each got to try their new skills on staff and student volunteers."

The second workshop saw students getting to grips with the ancient art of henna tattooing.

Ms Lal said: "Although bridal henna originates from the Mediterranean, today it is commonly used throughout north Africa and east Asia and can form an important part of Hindu, Christian, Jewish, Arab and Muslim weddings."

The day-long workshop provided students with hands-on experience of using natural henna and was organised with the help of level one beauty student Afshan Bashir.

Ms Lal said: "Afshan does weekend work as a bridal henna artist."

"She helped to run the workshop and provided the students with hints and ideas. I was amazed with the quality of the designs some of the students produced. They were just incredible."

Henna tattoos are applied to the skin using a delicate cone that acts much like a pen. If cared for correctly, they can last a number of weeks.

"The students had such a great time creating their designs, we've arranged for them to run a henna tattoo stall at the college in the run-up to International Women's Day," said Ms Lal.

"As well as raising money for the college's Haiti relief fund, the stall will provide yet more students and staff with access to this great creative tradition."

"Henna is often linked with Indian culture, but there's absolutely no reason why it can't be enjoyed by those of all backgrounds and religions." MidKent College hopes both workshops can be made available to students at the Maidstone campus.

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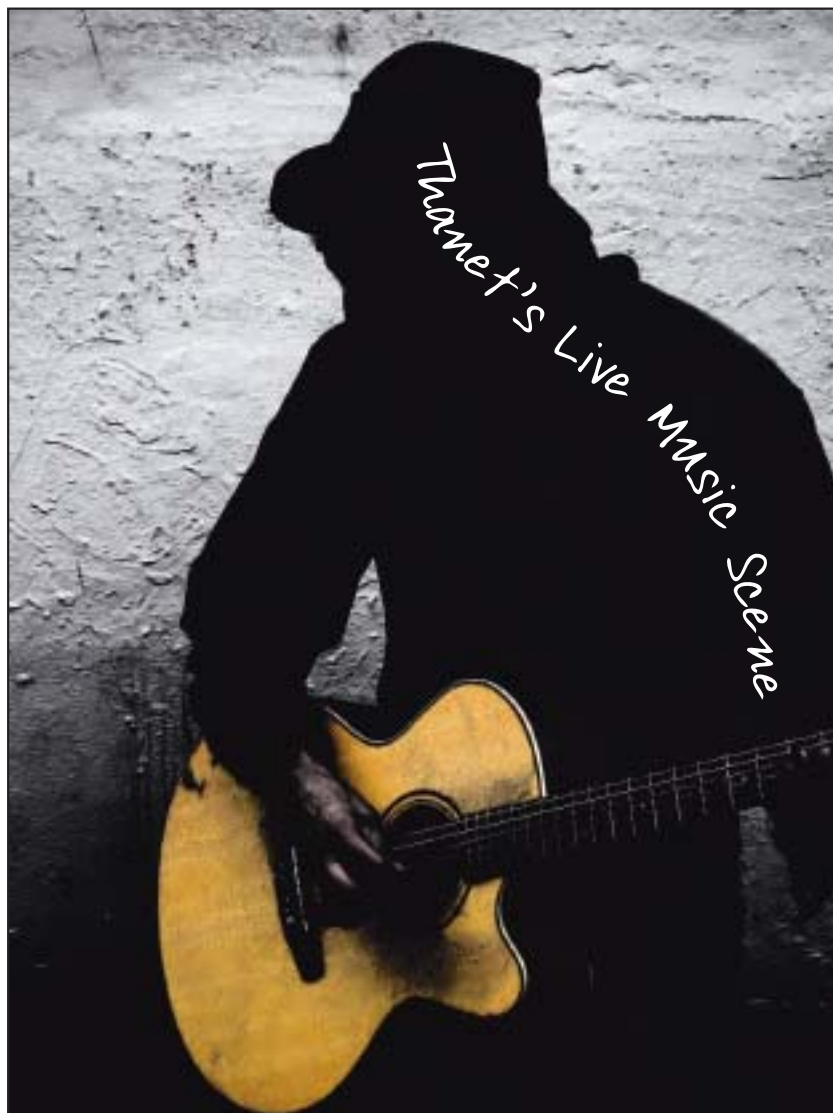
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YOUR LETTERS



Will budget stretch as far as villages?

It's all very well for Medway Council to be self-congratulatory about their annual budget and spending (last week's Yourmedway front page) but what about us in the villages?

Everything is centred around Gillingham, Chatham and Strood, but what about those of us who live out on the Isle of Grain?

Public transport services locally are really non-existent. Why can't some of the money be set aside to pay for better bus networks and repairing our roads?

I know Medway is largely an urban area, but we receive very little thought from members of the local authority.

Yet we pay the council tax as well, so I consider that unfair.

Brian Parker

Tredwell holds his end up for England

I enjoyed watching England's recent win over Bangladesh in the second one-day international cricket match and, although he didn't score runs, I thought James Tredwell did a fine job.

As the previous three batsmen had really thrown away their wickets, solid support for the man in form – Morgan – was vital.

By just giving him the strike and holding his end up, the Kent man did an admirable job.

His bowling was tidy as well and it is about time he was given a chance.

Mark Baldwin
Maidstone

Back Robin Hood tax to end child poverty

More than 600,000 UK children could be lifted out of poverty this year by the introduction of a 'Robin Hood' tax on big banks' financial transactions.

This would mean that the Government would meet its target to halve child poverty by 2010 – a goal currently catastrophically off-track.

The Robin Hood tax is a tiny charge of 0.05 per cent that would be levied on massive deals done daily by global financial institutions – the big banks blamed for the economic crisis – not on high street

your blogger

Gary Wright puts his weight behind a 'Fat Tax' being issued by airlines on obese passengers...



FAT people are set to face a cash penalty when they travel, as profit-hungry airlines try to cram more people onto flights.

Most of us may agree, but this week tall people came out in support of the overweight.

I fail to see the link. One group of people are unfairly penalised because they have ridiculously long legs and need more space. Not their fault, just genes.

The other group have made a lifestyle choice that means they take up two seats... that's just greedy and inconsiderate to fellow travellers.

Charging porkies more makes sense to me and to the 76 per cent of people who were in favour of a 'Fat Tax', according to travel search website Skyscanner.net.

Cry discrimination all you want, but larders who don't fit standard airline seats should be prepared for heavier ticket prices.

Anyone who has suffered long flights with the person in the next seat flowing over the armrest knows it makes sense. If you choose to pack more than the luggage allowance, you pay more, so the same rule should apply to excess bingo wings.

But the lure of cheap Sangria and a Mediterranean fry-up means that fatties are not going to roll over and take it (they probably can't).

Lanky Simon James, a 6ft 5ins man from Edinburgh, warned that airlines already discriminate against the tall.

He said: "Everyone's talking about 'Fat Tax', but

'Tall Tax' has been around for years. I always request an exit-row seat, but there's no guarantee you'll get one. On many budget carriers, I have to pay for the privilege of choosing a seat or boarding first."

Yet in the next breath he seemed to be sticking the same boot in the fleshy behind of fatties as everyone else.

Simon said: "I have sympathy for overweight people, but at least the vast majority of them can lose weight if they choose. Tall people can't get any shorter. People come in all shapes and sizes, and airlines should accommodate us all."

Nice one. 'The vast majority of them can lose weight'...

Many airlines charge a premium for seats with extra leg room, for example Qantas charges an additional \$160 on some flights for an exit aisle seat.

Kevin Smith, famed American film director and actor, was the latest passenger to get involved in the airline 'Fat Tax' row after he was ejected from a Southwest Airlines flight after his bulk was deemed a 'safety risk'.

If he was between me and the aisle, I'd agree too.

Airlines should just get on with it, fit some bigger seats and charge according to weight and waist measurement.

Of course, there could be a sliding discount: fat mum sitting between her two kids will still be three seats, she can overflow and they'll be used to the smell.

If you want to save cash flying? Lose a few pounds... well stone.

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banks' transactions with their customers.

There are still 2.3 million children living in poverty in the UK. Recent research by Save the Children has revealed that severe child poverty actually increased by more than a quarter of a million in the four boom years before the recession hit in 2008, and now totals 1.7 million.

As it launches its election manifesto, 'Poverty Kills Childhood', at the House of Lords, Save the Children is calling on politicians from all parties to back the tax, and to make tackling severe child poverty an urgent priority.

The Robin Hood tax is so tiny it would practically make no difference to the big banks making billions every year. However, the proceeds would utterly transform the lives of hundreds of thousands of children stifled by poverty every year.

UK support for the Robin Hood tax is growing by the day. The campaign is already backed by celebrities including Bill Nighy and 'Frank' from Shameless – aka Save the Children ambassador David Threlfall. The Robin Hood tax now has more Facebook fans than all the political parties put together.

The Robin Hood tax could raise as much as £250billion every year. It would only cost £4billion to lift 600,000 children out of poverty this year.

Fergus Drake
UK Programmes Director of
Save the Children

working compromise which shows the world some sort of stability is vital.

Government of national unity anyone?

Lorna Hancock
Rochester

County should cash in on a weak pound

Regarding last week's blog – what about holidaying at home?

Last year, so-called staycations were all the rage and we were told they would provide great boosts to the economy of the UK.

Kent is a tourist area – why are we complaining?

A weak pound also means an influx of visitors from abroad and that is something we should benefit from.

After all, isn't this county the Gateway to Britain?

Ian Turner
Chatham

Trains causing the strain on commuters

If Southeastern Trains and the Department for Transport listened to their customers they would appreciate the frustrations we all share on a daily basis simply trying to get to work.

Late trains, dirty carriages, short-formed trains and skipping stations are just some of the issues we face

every single day.

Never mind the fact that we cannot claim compensation as annual season-ticket holders.

The sheer volume of signatories on the petition is testament to the feelings of the commuting public and cannot be written off.

John Nicholson, by email

Pension changes will affect your future

With just four weeks to go until landmark changes to the state pension, residents in Kent are being urged to plan ahead. Due to major reforms this April, 60,000 more people reaching state pension age in 2010 will get a full basic state pension.

Women reaching state pension age – and there 44,500 women who are aged 55 to 59 in Kent – are the biggest winners. Nationally, some 40,000 more women are due the full amount because of changes like the reduction in qualifying years from 39 to 30. The years men need will also be slashed from 44 to 30, helping 20,000 more get the full payout.

But in the South East 51 per cent of people approaching retirement admit they have done nothing to plan for it.

A poll by Ipsos MORI shows that of the over-50s in the South East questioned who have looked into their retirement options, just 64 per cent checked how much state pension they will get. Over a third approaching retirement, 38 per cent, say they haven't discussed their plans with their partner.

To mark the countdown to the pension changes, the Department for Work and Pensions is calling on people approaching retirement to find out the facts.

We are changing the state pension to make it fairer and more generous, so more people are able to build up the full amount.

These days, most of us can expect to spend at least 20 years in retirement, so it is important that people understand how these changes affect them and plan ahead so they can get the most out of later life.

To help the younger generations build up a firm foundation for later life, a new National Insurance credit will allow parents and carers to accrue a full basic state pension.

For the first time it will be possible for a carer to do this entirely with credits. To ensure the system is sustainable for the future, the state pension age for women will gradually rise from 60 to 65 to match men.

In the past, millions of women who chose to stay home and care for family and children have missed out on pension cash in retirement. Next month this will change. The system will be fairer for women and carers. Nine out of 10 women will be able to build up a full basic pension in their own right.

The Department for Work and Pensions is encouraging people to visit www.direct.gov.uk/pensions or call 0800 678 1132 for more information on planning for later life.

Minister of State for Pensions and Ageing
Society, Angela Eagle

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Stars join forces in real-life story of father who saved his kids' lives

■ BY KATE WHITING

THE hardest thing for any parent is to see their children suffer.

John Crowley and his wife Aileen were devastated when they learned that two of their three children suffered from Pompe disease, a rare genetic illness that would kill them.

Rather than give in to despair, they made a pact: Aileen would look after the children and John would quit his job as a financial consultant to find a cure.

With no experience in medicine, John met scientists and researchers, raised millions of dollars and set up his own pharmaceutical company to produce an enzyme that would help his children.

Harrison Ford read an article about the Crowleys in the Wall Street Journal and the film is based on Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Geeta Anand's book *The Cure: How A Father Raised \$100 Million – And Bucked The Medical Establishment – In A Quest To Save His Children*.

"I thought Geeta's book had something to say about personal courage, initiative, parents' love and the power to overcome extraordinarily difficult circumstances," says Ford.

Ford, also an executive producer on the film, chose Crash star Brendan Fraser to play John Crowley.

While the film compresses six years of strife into just 100 minutes, and the myriad scientists who helped Crowley are represented by one fictional character, Dr Robert Stonehill (Ford), the real-life story of Crowley's efforts is much more complicated.

Once he'd set up his biotech company and developed an enzyme that showed potential, Crowley sold his firm to Genzyme Corp for more than \$100m so the larger company could get the drug tested and into production.

But his children Megan, then five, and his youngest son Patrick were deemed too old to be tested in the first round of trials. As they got steadily weaker Crowley tried everything to



WORKING TOGETHER: Harrison Ford and Brendan Fraser as Dr Robert Stonehill and John Crowley

get them on to the drug. He secretly approached a hospital about conducting a 'sibling trial', which would show how children responded differently to treatment.

But when Genzyme found out, they refused to deliver the drug for the trial because Crowley worked for the company.

Brendan Fraser, 41, who has three sons, says he understood how John Crowley felt.

"When you're a parent you can't deny the instinct to do whatever you can to ensure your children's health and wellbeing and, in this case, to see that they stay alive.

"It's poignant that Crowley took a great deal

of satisfaction in telling his daughter that she gets a shot at being an old lady.

"Before, this heart-breaking disease took the lives of kids who usually didn't make it past the age of eight. But through the efforts of John and this team of scientists, doctors, researchers and investors that he galvanised around him, he saved his kids' lives."

Fraser admits he felt an "obligation to embody who John is" on screen, both his stoicism and his humanity.

"He is the one of the most principled individuals I've ever met," he says. "But at the same time I had to allow him to be someone who the

audience can identify with, not just a superhero dad."

Both actors admit the experience has made them value their own children more. Ford, who has five children and three grandchildren, believes parenting improves with age.

"There's nothing like the company of young kids to keep you on your toes and remind you of the pleasure of learning. It's exciting to be around them."

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NEWS BUBBLE: David Mitchell feeds celebrities real and concocted stories



YOUR TV REVIEW

THE BUBBLE: BBC2 10pm, Friday
FILM 2010 WITH JONATHAN ROSS: BBC1, 11.35pm Tuesday

THE world didn't really need another panel-based show.

We have *Mock the Week*, *8 Out of 10 Cats*, *Buzzcocks* and a load more which I've either missed or am too lazy to list.

But with *The Bubble*, the BBC has at least deviated from the well-worn and often boring route.

Presented by David Mitchell, who for me is one of the most original comedy thinkers in the country, the show sees three celebrities voluntarily step into a 'news bubble' for a few days.

This involves cutting themselves off from the stories that are filling the newspapers, internet and TV.

Mitchell then feeds them stories, most of which are totally made up, to sift through and decide which are real and which are piffle.

It's a little like *Call My Bluff*,

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

minus the blue-rinsed duffers, and is actually pretty good.

It's amazing to see the stories that the guests deem to be real, but the world is a crazy place and it goes to show that you never quite know what bizarre stories will crop up.

WHEN Jonathan Ross walks away from the BBC, it will leave a gaping hole in its radio and TV schedules.

Personally I think it's a good thing that his Friday night chat beast is lying down to die.

This is not America, where the chat show is king and hosts such as Leno and Letterman sit in their chairs for decades on end.

It seems to have run its course here and Ross talked more about himself

than the guests anyway, which kind of defeated the point.

However, Wossy as host of the *Film...* series, once the kingdom of Barry "and why not?" Norman, is a much better broadcaster.

He knows his stuff and has never been afraid to speak his mind, which must be a tricky task when many of the stars of the latest films turn up on his chat show.

I hope the Beeb will continue this show, which is something of an institution, having run since 1971.

Ross's knowledge of quirky cinema will especially be missed, as will the short *Inside Hollywood* features, widely praised by film fans.

An ideal replacement for Ross would be Mark Kermode, probably the nation's best-known film critic, but whether he could pull it off is another matter.



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Club staff good sports

CLUBBERS can help raise money for Sport Relief by having a good time at Liquid and Envy in Maidstone.

The club is holding a fundraiser on Friday and the staff plan to show they are good sports during the night.

The event starts at 9.30am and tickets cost £4 online or £5.50 at the door. Visit www.liquidclubs.com/maidstone.

Youth take on classics

YOUNG actors bring two of Shakespeare's best-loved works to the stage in Chatham next week.

Members of the Brook Youth Theatre star in abridged versions of *The Tempest* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream* at 7.30pm next Tuesday and Wednesday.

Tickets are £5 from www.thebrooktheatre.co.uk or call 01634 338338.

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Acoustic night at pub

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Ye Arrow in Boley Hill hosts *All About the Music* at 7.30pm, featuring Chatham's Hands Shaped Like Hearts, Leeds-based guitar virtuoso John Gomm and singer-songwriter Dominic Wise.

Tickets cost £5 in advance or £6 on the door. To book, call 01634 338338.

Your chance of Fame

YOUNG performers are invited to take part in the Orchard Theatre's first annual summer project, *Fame*.

Singers, actors and dancers aged from nine to 19 can apply to audition for a role in the hit musical.

Application forms are available online at www.orchardtheatre.co.uk and auditions are on Sunday, March 28.

Rock 'n' roll with Ricky

ROCK 'n' roll the night away in the company of 50s and 60s tribute act, Ricky Fontayne.

More information about the performer can be found at www.rickyfontayne.com. He will be appearing at the Royal British Legion in Parkwood, Maidstone, at 8.45pm on Saturday. For details call Nevill or Chris on 01622 763847.

Top DJs to give clubbers a treat

PETE TONG AND NIC FANCIULLI

Friday, March 12
The Source Bar, Maidstone



A LEGEND of the dance world joins one of the scene's brightest rising stars for a night of unstoppable tunes this week.

DJ Pete Tong is an iconic figure in Clubland and remains at the top of his game, 30 years after his first radio appearances.

His Friday night show on BBC Radio 1 is still considered 'the official start to the weekend' and clubbers can experience his skill and discerning taste firsthand when he returns to his home county on Friday.

Also appearing is Maidstone's own Nic Fanciulli, hitting the decks in his home town for the first time this year. With Mark Fanciulli opening the night, which goes on until 4am, this is an unmissable party for fans of great dance music.

High-profile

Saved Records – run by Nic Fanciulli – welcomes Tong to the county town as part of his UK tour and the high-profile event highlights the label's continuing success.

Born in Hartley, Tong got involved in the vibrant Kent music scene of the 70s and 80s and played a key role in establishing an exciting circuit around the South East. While attending King's School in Rochester, he spotted a DJ at a school concert and immediately his dreams of playing in a heavy metal band faded away.

From that moment on, he was determined to pursue a career on the decks and later had a fantastic time supporting the regional music scene. In the late 70s he joined *Blues & Soul Magazine* as a writer, before becoming an A&R manager for London Records, which brought him into contact with the new house music sound emerging from the US.

Already having made appearances on *Invicta*, he went on to broadcast on BBC Radio Medway and Capital Radio. Tong's first brushes with national fame occurred when he started to appear on Radio 1 to talk about dance music in the early 80s, before landing his own soul show on *Invicta*. The turn of the decade marked the start of a new era in radio history, as Tong began his tenure at Radio 1 with his *Essential Selection*.

Now known as simply Pete Tong, the show is still the place to hear and be heard, nearly 20 years later.

Last year he was joined by a number of top guests at his weekly *Wonderland* event at Eden in Ibiza, including Lady Gaga and Fatboy Slim. He spent much of the year touring all over the world but also found time to remix tracks by U2, Underworld and Cheryl Cole, while also acting as music supervisor for the British film *Harry Brown*, starring Michael Caine.

Dance legends Pete Tong and Nic Fanciulli combine their talents for a great night out



From his early days as a shy music fan trying to break into the local scene, Nic Fanciulli has become a globe-trotting professional. Now well on his way to becoming a superstar DJ, Fanciulli was given his break by Maidstone institution ClubClass and he remains committed to the club night, having also enjoyed residencies in Miami, Ibiza and London's Ministry of Sound.

His production and remix work with Andy Chatterley, under Skylark and the Buick Project, has resulted in a Grammy nomination and remixes of tracks by Underworld, Deep Dish and Kylie Minogue.

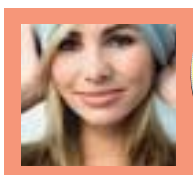
Clubbers should not miss this chance to see two of the dance world's greatest talents performing at the same venue in Kent. The event starts at 8pm and tickets cost £12, plus booking fee.

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STEP UP TO THE OCHE WITH ME! Blue-eyed brunette, 27, 5'11", loves films, walking, darts, pool, singing, me time! Looking for honest guy with GSOH, to get to know. Box 880105

SOUND GOOD? Social lady, 29, likes walks, swimming, yoga, like to meet a man, 30-55 for lots of fun. Brighton. Box 463984

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COULD I BE THE ONE? Single mum, 33, divorced, looking to meet a male who enjoys walks, going out, time in and out and much more. Maidstone. Box 464835

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SHREK'S APPEAL! Princess Fiona, 34, looking to meet her Shrek, 5'8", short brown/blonde hair, blue eyes, large build, seeks romantic caring guy for friendship, maybe more! Box 877957

SIDE BY SIDE Active lady, 35, short brown hair, blue eyes, medium build, likes reading, swimming, walks, cinema, pubs, seeking a similar man, honest, and loving. Gillingham Box 466833

HAPPY DAYS! Attractive, fun-loving female, 35, 5'4", size 12, dark hair with blonde highlights, tactile, W/LTM intelligent, professional, attractive guy, for a happy relationship. Tunbridge Wells. Box 309734

FEAST YOUR EYES ON ME... Hello I'm Andrea, 35, petite 5'3", shoulder length curly hair, enjoys eating out, cinema and I'm looking for friendship and possible long term relationship. Box 453039

SEALED WITH A KISS Petite lady, 36, long hair, blue eyes, single mum, enjoys holidays, wiring and dining, laughing, seeks loyal loving man for friendship and more. Box 453079

GROW OLD WITH ME Single mum, 37yrs old, slim build, honest, kind and caring. I'm looking for LTR, love and romance with nice guy in Maidstone area. Box 860164

LOVE TO LOVE YOU Lovely female, 36, 5'4", medium/large build, blonde hair, blue eyes, own house, loves walking, going out, the usual! Seeking male for long-term/serious relationship. Box 438102

PUT A SMILE ON MY FACE Mum of three, 38, long mousey hair, blue eyes, interested in historical places, music, eating out, seeks kind, caring, genuine male, 36-49, non-smoker, for LTR. Box 440893

MAGIC IN MARGATE Loving female, 36, 5'4", brown hair, green eyes, likes socialising, staying in, seeks genuine male for friendship and more. Box 428666

DON'T LET ME DOWN Pretty, black female, 38, 5'4", like football, socialising and cooking, looking for a loving and caring male, 38-42, for a LTR. Box 446884

FAMILY ORIENTATED Eastbourne based woman, 39, 5'8", slim/medium build, I'm a single mum, and enjoy cooking, music, family life. If you like the same, get in touch! Box 464034

CUTE AS CAN BE

Cute single mum of four, 38, Kent-based, into most things, looking for friendship, possibly romance. Box 897983

SHOW ME HEAVEN Black lady, 38yr old, enjoys swimming, films and bird watching. Fairly new to the area, W/LTM a male for friendship and maybe romance. Box 441608

FROM ME TO YOU Lonely and bored single professional Asian lady, 40, seeks genuine single solvent professional white male, 40-50, for companionship and more. Tunbridge Wells. Box 464925

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ANOTHER CHAPTER Hard working PA, 43, single mum, grey-green blue eyes, loves socialising and enjoying life, seeks loyal, honest male to find love with, Sittingbourne. Box 461037

DOES THIS SOUND LIKE YOU? Single mum, 42, from Ashford, 5'8", dark hair/eyes, likes wine bars, pubs, days out and keeping fit, looking for a caring and fun-loving gent, 5'9"-6", Box 461129

LIVE LIFE TO THE FULL Good-looking brunet from Kent, 43, 5'10", likes bowling, eating in/out etc, looking for a good-looking guy, 35-45, with GSOH for friendship/relationship. Box 453048

I SHOULD BE SO LUCKY Hello, I'm Karen, 42, dark brown hair, medium build, good looking for a man with no issues and gosh who can enjoy life with me. Box 452204

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FIT THE BILL? Fit and healthy woman, average build. I'm 44, young looking and love animals. I would love to meet a sincere fella to spend time with. Maidstone. Box 466419

SWEET AS HONEY Petite, slim, honey-blond lady, 5'4", age 44, enjoys the seaside and horse-racing, looking for a dark-haired, genuine, honest and professional man, 25-50 in Brighton. Box 458465

HOW YOU DOING? Attractive, curvy single mum, 44, kind, genuine, loyal and loving, seeking a man with similar qualities to share my life with. St Leonards-on-Sea. Box 459126

MUST MAKE ME LAUGH! Young mid 40's female, looking to meet a genuine single male for friendship and eventual long term relationship. Rochester. Box 855449

GENUINE REPLIES ONLY Bubbly female, 44, brunette, N/S, medium/large build, enjoys singing and theatre. Would love to meet a decent fun-loving guy, similar age, pref non-smoker for LTR. Box 445955

COME ON OVER Fun-loving gal, 47, dark hair/eyes, attractive, looking for a similar male to enjoy nights out and good conversation. Gillingham Box 454480

POSSIBLE LTR African lady, full figured and radiant! I'm a Christian, 46, 5'8", attractive, caring and intelligent and enjoy jazz, travel, theatre, W/LTM decent, white male, Gillingham. Box 466617

NOTHING VENTURED... Humble lady, 47, GSOH, down to earth, non-smoker, enjoys life, likes meals and days out, seeks a life-loving guy to enjoy a meal with. Rochester. Box 466286

YOUNG AT HEART Young 46, attractive, fun-loving female, looking for someone fit, handsome, intelligent, full of fun, sexy, Worldly Man to share everything that life has to offer. Box 884113

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ENJOY LIFE TO THE FULL Young-looking 46yr old female, 5'4", slim, blonde, non-smoker, affectionate, loyal, caring, seeking a male, 40-45, up to 5'10", to share life with. Ashford/Maidstone area please. Box 461938

ARE YOU THE ONE FOR ME? Caring, cute female, 46, petite, likes socialising, dancing, travelling, good food, seeking intelligent, loyal man 42-52 for love and TLC. Seaford. Box 444366

HELP ME OPEN UP Easygoing lady, 46, dark brown hair/blue eyes, medium build, likes life, socialising, the seaside, walks, drinks, W/LTM male to share a bottle of wine with. Box 444595

ETERNALLY YOURS Easygoing woman, likes most things in life, country walks, films, cinema, cooking. I'm 46, 5'2", medium build, W/LTM genuine, happy guy, easygoing and fun. Box 445635

NORMAL GAL Female, 48, divorced and happy, 5'17", looking for genuine man, laughter, sincerity, smart, kind, tall honest man, age under 49 and over 30 a must. Maidstone. Box 866380

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ANY TAKERS? Divorced single mum, 49, 5'4", animal lover, happy go lucky, likes quiet drinks and cinema, looking for a man for friendship, maybe a LTR. Ashford Box 464557

BY MY SIDE Curvy woman, 49, 5'10", enjoys being by the sea, music, walks, meals out, cinema, cross-walks, and reading. Seeking kind, caring man in the Maidstone area. Box 466608

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DREAMS OF YOU Genuine, caring lady, late 50s, slim & young looking, looking for a loyal, considerate, N/S male for long term relationship. Box 448566

LOTS OF HUGS Positive woman, 60, independent but sociable, I'm 5'4", red hair/green eyes, slim build. Hythe, enjoys art and walks, seeking similar, intelligent man, lively, reliable. Box 464002

SAY YES! Brighton lass, 61, 5'12, blonde, blue eyes, separated, likes going for drinks and socialising, 60's music and going to the theatre. Looking for a like-minded gent. Box 466107

LOVELY BUBBLY Short 5'1yr old professional lady, likes history, films and reading, seeking a genuine gent, 45-58, with GSOH to enjoy evenings out, stimulating conversations and fun. Box 452311

MEANT TO BE? Very honest, reliable and trustworthy person, 52, 5'17, blonde with blue eyes, loves cinema, meals out and nights out, seeking sociable male with same interests. Ashford. Box 466150

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FOLLOW YOUR HEART Quiet sincere lady, 55, animal lover, likes history, reading, gardening and countryside, seeks lady with similar interests. Rochester. Box 465922

LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS! Smart petite lady, 56, 5'4", tall, blonde hair, green eyes, likes restaurants, theatre, cinema, travel abroad; seeking happy guy with similar interests. Box 448795

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BOTTLE OF WINE Hi there, I'm an easygoing male, 35, 5'10, medium build, brown hair, I'm based in Brighton and enjoy seeing friends, drinks, cinema, walks. Box 450165

MAKE ME SMILE AGAIN Seeking genuine lady, I'm a 38yr old male, 5'8", dark hair/blue eyes. I work hard and play hard, would like to enjoy spare time with partner. Box 449649

THE GOOD LIFE Young looking male, 39, quiet guy, looking for a LTR, want to relax and enjoy life together, with the right woman. Box 858113

LOVE TO LAUGH Looking for a down to earth green eyed lady. Must have a sense of humour and laugh at life's little surprises! I'm 39 with GSOH... Hastings. Box 862208

FORECAST? 38yr old male with brown hair, big smile, big heart, and big personality seeks caring and affectionate lady for love in all weather. Box 434270

THE TIME IS NOW Single parent, 40, 6'11, short dark hair, brown eyes, caring, considering, looking for lady for LTR and who's up for a laugh. Maidstone. Box 459005

LOOK IN MY EYES Romantic, fun-loving man, 40, 6'11, tall, with dark hair and brown eyes, looking for a kind, considerate and romantic female. Maidstone. Box 459006

HAPPY GO LUCKY Stocky, 5'17, male, 40, green-blue eyes, short hair, Virgo, GSOH, love swimming, walks on beaches, days out; seeking similar female for loving times. Box 455764

NEW IN TOWN Good-looking male, 39, fair hair, blue eyes, nice build and height, social, likes holidays, dining out, fit, seeking a woman to go out with. Rochester. Box 460825

FISHING & CAMPING! Fun-loving male, 40, not of many words, likes sports, music, reading and films, seeks company and companion. Snodland. Box 465333

MAKE YOUR MARK Hi I'm Mark, 40, 5'8", brown hair and eyes, fit, not ugly, mature, honest, W/LTM some one trustworthy and caring. Box 448372

LOVE ON THE DANCEFLOOR Outgoing, young-minded male, 47, smoker, likes war games, books, cinema, castles, places of interest, seeking similar woman to boogie on the dancefloor with. Margate. Box 443750

JUST SMILE! Outgoing guy, fun to be with, I'm 42, a non-drinker, and would like to meet a similar lady in the Hythe area. Box 466462

ETERNAL FLAME Nick, 41, 6'11, slim, dark hair/blue eyes, likes cinema, country pubs and socialising with friends, looking for a kind, caring and considerate female, 35-45. Box 450339

SENTIMENTAL ROMANTIC Hi I'm Kevin, 43, kind and down-to-earth, 5'10, short hair, piercings, young looking, smart, love family life and socialising, seeking lady for quiet nights in. Box 452104

BIG ATTRACTIVE GUY Gillingham male, 43, 6'12, blue eyes, dark hair, confident, relaxed, divorced, two grown-up kids, a chef, works hard, loves soul music, seeks soulmate! Box 465158

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GOOD LOOKING BLOKE Tall man medium build, 44, 5'10, brown hair/eyes, with an outgoing nature, looking for a female similar to myself with long hair. Box 871274

WHAT A WONDERFUL WORLD Sincere guy, 45, 6'11, slim, likes clubs, pubs, bowling, cinema, meals out, looking for a slim female for a stable relationship. Gillingham. Box 462529

ALONG THE SHORE Romantic male, dark hair, blue eyes, 5'6", caring and loving, likes cooking holidays, the countryside, bowling, cinema, seeking a similar lady 34-56. Ashford. Box 466863

A WOMAN OF SUBSTANCE! Single guy looking for love, 45, dark hair, blue eyes, 5'6", medium build, very caring and loving, likes holidays and theatre, seeks loving lady. Ashford. Box 466131

HONEST KID caring and loving 44yr old man, slim, 5'11", dark hair/eyes, love walking, music, looking for black lady, no ties, 25-45, for a LTR. Maidstone. Box 453980

WITTY ACTIVE, adventurous, articulate male, 43, own home/car, enjoys shopping, good food, country walks, music, most things, seeks homely, warm, trusting female. Box 408508

TRY ANYTHING ONCE Tall chap, 44, medium build. Interests: walking, reading, swimming. I would love to meet a nice, honest and caring lady. Box 444566

FAMILY LIFE Happy-go-lucky dad, 46, sporty, keeps in good shape, own place, looking for an honest person to get to know well, possibly for relationship. Box 452446

THE FUTURE IS BRIGHT Single dad, 47, enjoy most things in life, likes music, DVDs and football, looking for a fun-loving female for a happy romance. Brighton. Box 466460

ONE OF THE GOOD GUYS Single guy, 47, 5'8", been hurt in the past, works full time, looking for a Sussex-based lady to share life with. Kids not problem. Box 466082

TRUE AND HONEST Genuine, caring, 47yr old man, 5'9, average build, clean-shaven, short, mousey hair, looking for possible LTR with fun woman who like a good laugh. Sheerness. Box 465950

HOLDING HANDS Sincere male, 47, 5'10, short hair, green eyes, likes swimming, walking, my dog looking for someone a loving woman for LTR. Hastings. Box 456438

NEEDING LOVE 47yr old Brighton based man, own home/business, seeks genuine local lady aged 45-50 years to share it all with. Box 463923

TAKE MY HAND Genuine, honest man, 47, likes dining out, walking, looking to share the good life with a woman, 35-50, Deal, Kent. Box 464441

FOR FUN & ROMANCE Canterbury male, 48, white, 6'13, medium-large build, likes cycling and walking to keep fit, and boasts! W/LTM slim black lady for possible LTR. Box 465219

GET BACK TO ME Good looking divorced man, 48, 6'11, likes keeping in shape, loves music and gigs; seeking slim lady, 30-40, relaxed, laid-back, for hopeful good relationship. Hythe. Box 460338

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GOING SWIMMINGLY! Sincere, down-to-earth male, 47, 6'11, good-looking, athletic, own business, likes swimming, cinema, music, gigs, walking, seeking slim, laid-back lady, 28-45, for potential LTR. Box 440847

RED OR WHITE? OR ROSE? Bachelor of 50, tall, blonde, blue eyes, likes bowling, cinema and country walks, looking for special lady to share a bottle of wine with. Polegate. Box 452628

GOT A LOVELY SMILE? I'm Paul, 50, 5'8", slim build, very fun loving and easygoing, enjoys days out, walking, cosy nights in, looking for a loving woman. Rochester. Box 454789

EBONY & IVORY White male of 51, seeks a nice black lady 40+ who likes eating in/out, walks, music and more. Canterbury. Box 454981

A GOOD CHAT, A DRINK, A KISS... Reasonably handsome white English guy, 5'8", muscular, solvent, intelligent, lots of interests, reads, plays chess, seeking similar partner for lasting LTR. Tunbridge Wells. Box 452288

AS YOUNG AS YOU FEEL! Hello! I'm a male, mid 50's, but feel and age younger! I'm a smoker, live by the sea and enjoy meals out, golf, driving, holidays. Westgate-on-Sea. Box 455652

CONSIDER THIS Professional male, 50s, likes live music, eating in and out, W/LTM slim female, to share interests together. Sittingbourne. Box 153535

COME FLY AROUND Divorced, active male, 5'10", brown eyes, likes the beach, walking, pubs, restaurants, holidays, seeking a similar lady that likes travel for friendship first. Box 466844

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COME TOGETHER

Friday, March 12. Hazlitt Theatre, Maidstone



ENJOY an evening of incomparable music as two of the greatest bands in history Come Together.

Two fantastic tribute groups will take fans back to a golden era of British music this week, as the Counterfeit Beatles and Not The Rolling Stones share the bill.

Liam Gallagher is a fan of the Counterfeit Beatles, so get ready to Twist and Shout as the work of Lennon, McCartney and friends is performed live.

With their charismatic front man Mick Jagger, the Stones became the epitome of cool rock

'n' roll. Over their long career, the band has shown it will Not Fade Away and fans will certainly get some Satisfaction at Friday's concert. Not The Rolling Stones are fronted by an uncanny Jagger lookalike, who appeared in the BBC series Double Take, and captures all the star's swagger and style. Music fans should not miss the opportunity to revisit two superb back catalogues.

The concert starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £14/£13. Book online at www.hazlittartscentre.co.uk or call the box office on 01622 758611.



THE DRIFTERS

Thursday, March 11. Central Theatre, Chatham



THE Drifters take a break from their national arena tour to perform for a Medway audience this week.

One of the longest-serving bands in history will be starting their national tour at the weekend, performing for massive crowds along with The Temptations, The Four Tops and The Three Degrees.

But on Thursday the group will be singing their greatest hits for fans in Chatham, in a two-hour celebration of this iconic band.

There have been many line-up changes over the years and during the last six decades, The

Drifters have sold more than 200 million singles worldwide. With more than 50 hits to their name, on Sunday they hope to add to the list with the release of Do You Dream Of Me, their first official single in 30 years.

Fans can look forward to hearing many of their best-loved hits, such as Saturday Night at the Movies, Under The Boardwalk, Come On Over To My Place and Kissing In The Back Row of The Movies.

The concert starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £20/£18.50. Book online at www.thecentraltheatre.co.uk or call the box office on 01634 338338.

THE MAGNIFICENT FLYING MACHINE

Sunday, March 14. Avenue Theatre, Sittingbourne



FLY up, up and away when a wonderful family adventure swoops into Swale this weekend.

Anyone who has ever dreamed of having wings and flying away above the clouds will love The Magnificent Flying Machine, a magical production for ages four and above.

Professor Bix Horn sets out on a wacky adventure as he flies by the seat of his pants, trying to build a flying machine using an unlikely assortment of items. He is desperate to capture the beautiful Harpy Bird, but will the Professor manage to chase it into the sky or will it fly out of his reach?

Using images, puppetry, movement and live music, Garlic Theatre provides a great introduction to theatre, while challenging, entertaining and stimulating children. The show is sure to encourage imaginative play and open children's eyes to the wonder of puppet animation.

The performance starts at 3pm and admission costs £5/£3.50 or £15 for families. To book call the box office on 01795 471140 or email admin@avenuetheatre.co.uk. The show is part of Applause Rural Touring's current season.



CIRCUS OF HORRORS DAY OF THE DEAD

Tuesday, March 16. Orchard Theatre, Dartford



VENTURE into a dark and shocking world as Circus of Horrors returns with its jaw-dropping new show.

The Day of the Dead is a 'Mexican X-travaganza' that sees the incredible cast running amok in the country in the early 1900s. Following the success of The Asylum, this new production is sure to terrify and thrill audiences in equal measure.

A motley crew of voodoo acrobats, pickled people, bendy bodies and flying vampires transport the body of their leader, Doktor Haze, to a ruined Aztec temple in the hope of reviving him. But when the ringmaster is brought back to life, disastrous consequences must be faced in this grotesque and gripping show.

Doktor Haze leads the audience on a hellish tale, with the help of a revived devil and live rock 'n' roll from The Interceptors of Hell. Some of the world's most bizarre circus acts demonstrate their remarkable skills in this blood-curdling adventure.

The show starts at 8pm and tickets are priced from £10 to £24.50, group rates available. Book online at www.orchardtheatre.co.uk or call the box office on 01322 220000.



THE RIDDLE OF THE SANDS

Various dates, various venues



ENTER a world of suspense and espionage in the gripping play, The Riddle of the Sands.

Prior to a London run, Chalkfoot Theatre Arts is touring this thriller to a number of small venues across Kent once again.

The exciting adaptation of Erskine Childers' Edwardian book, considered to be the forerunner of the modern spy novel, was made into a popular film starring Jenny Agutter and Michael York.

With two actors playing a variety of diverse characters, the play offers suspense, adventure and tongue-in-cheek humour. Set just before the outbreak of the First World War, the show sees two young men set out on a yachting expedition that turns into a dangerous spying mission.

The show can be seen at Teynham Community Hall at 3pm on Sunday; Rodmersham Village Hall at 8pm on Saturday, March 20 and the Blue Town Heritage Centre in Sheerness at 7.30pm on Wednesday, March 24.

Tickets cost £8/£7 in advance or £9/£8 on the door.

Box office details vary for each venue, so visit www.chalkfoot.org.uk or call 01843 280077 for more information.



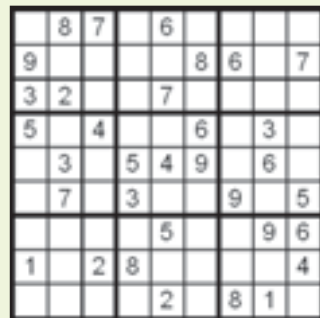
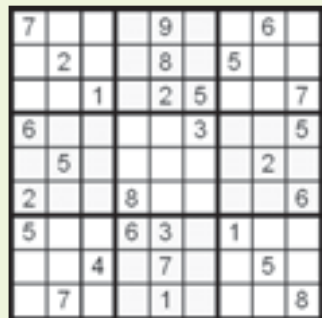
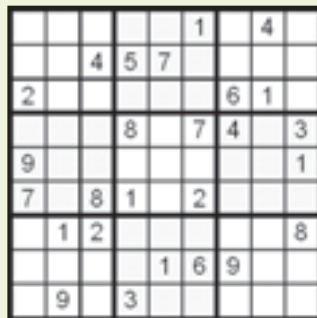
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- 1 First two questioning priest about making witty remarks (8)
 6 Make known it hasn't been provided by end of May (6)
 9 Continue performing during the drama (4,2)
 10 Senior pupil starts yelling giving warning (8)
 11 Extremely clerical dean (4,8)
 13 Contest simply about nothing (5)
 14 24 hours for one side of Sheffield (9)
 17 Drafee, he could have been covered in plumage (9)
 19 Cheerless half of Dickens' work (5)
 21 Seat in Berkshire? (7,5)
 24 Some archaic handle restored by general dealer (8)
 25 Some cheap rewards before 1939 (3,3)
 26 Mate will finish after Friday (6)
 27 Taking leisurely walk to Erica outside day by day (8)

DOWN

- 2 Unattractive sort of customer? (4)
 3 Convenience call? (3,1,5)
 4 Holding five pairs above river (6)
 5 Compunction concerning code (7)
 6 It isn't happening to be a disappointing occurrence (3,5)
 7 T-tour arranged by teacher (5)
 8 By a considerable margin at a distance (3,3,4)
 12 Alluring invitation to approach (4,6)
 15 Thus left coming from cellar with something for converting sunlight into electrical power (5,4)
 16 Snake in the grass jerked back (8)
 18 Do not include Rex in selected passage (7)
 20 Went speedily having moved from channel to channel (6)
 22 See 23
 23 & 22 Steps on granary floor (4,5)

QUICK CLUES

ACROSS

- 1 Vain boaster (8)
 6 Bent (6)
 9 Predicament (6)
 10 War memorial (8)
 11 Speechless (4,3,5)
 13 ___-diving (5)
 14 Numerousness (9)
 17 Nearness (9)
 19 Appreciate (5)
 21 Very (12)
 24 Fairly large (8)
 25 Malfunction (6)
 26 Sound of a hen (6)
 27 Albert ___, US physicist (8)

DOWN

- 2 Regulation (4)
 3 TV (slang) (6,3)
 4 Bear witness (6)
 5 Diplomatic (7)
 6 Perverse (8)
 7 Quotient (5)
 8 Trek (10)
 12 Scarlet fever (10)
 15 Wheeled boat (4,5)
 16 Email cab (anag.) (8)
 18 Colourless hydrocarbon (7)
 20 Mischievous child (6)
 22 Twitch (5)
 23 Je ne sais ___ (4)

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AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)

A **NARROW**-minded authority figure is making life miserable. You're tired of hearing their sermons. Unfortunately, you're not in the position to tell them to shut up. Fortunately, a dynamic friend or business partner is poised to rescue you from this stifling situation.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762


ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)

A **CLOSE** relationship is suffering because of your critical attitude. You need to be more encouraging, especially of your loved one's plans. Deep down inside, you may think this idea is doomed, but that's just because your pessimistic attitude has clouded your vision.

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GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22)

IT'S hard to feel romantic when you're overwhelmed with responsibilities. If you're in a relationship, beware of neglecting your partner. The two of you need to go away together. You don't have to spend a lot of money to enjoy yourself, but you should choose a destination with privacy.

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LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)

NEGATIVE thinking is driving opportunity from your door. Stop assuming the deck is stacked against you. If you encounter a cloud, look for its silver lining. A down in the dumps workmate makes your job difficult. Maybe you should just start work without asking them.

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LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)

IT'S hard to know who to trust these days. You're tired of being crossed by an opportunist. Keeping your own counsel is safe, but not satisfying. You're the type who wants to share your life with someone special. Unfortunately, family life feels unstable.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Libra** 09067-531758


SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

IT feels like a friend has an ulterior motive for being so kind. Trust your instincts; they won't steer you wrong. Writing your pal a letter of recommendation will backfire. You can't afford to risk your reputation on an irresponsible character like this.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Sagittarius** 09067-531760


PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)

A **HEAVY** tax burden forces you to change the way you earn, save and spend money. If you're out of your depth with this situation consult a money manager. An exclusive club is getting a little burdensome. You're tired of adhering to oppressive rules and regulations.

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TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)

YOU don't have the energy you normally do. On the plus side, your family is poised to relieve you of some exhausting chores. Don't look this gift horse in the mouth. An overbearing supervisor thinks you're trying to shirk your duties. Keep a low profile and try to stay out of their way.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Taurus** 09067-531753


CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)

YOU feel pretty reclusive, seeking to avoid the pressures of public life. Unfortunately, burying your head in the sand won't solve your problems. This will only compound them. Confront the person who has been pushing you around. You're tired of being treated this way.

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VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)

SELFISHNESS is driving a wedge between you and a loved one. You feel like your friend throws your hard-earned money down the drain. Maybe the best way around your problems is to have separate accounts. Then the rest of your money can be spent in a discretionary fashion.

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SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

A **LARGE** institution makes it difficult for you to do what you please. For the time being, you need to play by some pretty strict rules. It won't be possible to find a new job in this economy, so you'll just have to grin and bear it. Fortunately, your boss is thinking about giving you a raise.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Scorpio** 09067-531759


CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)

THE job security you crave is elusive. No matter how hard you try, you just can't seem to break through the glass ceiling. Part of the problem is an attitude of entitlement. Just because you have a lot of training and experience doesn't mean you are a shoo-in for a particular position.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Capricorn** 09067-531761

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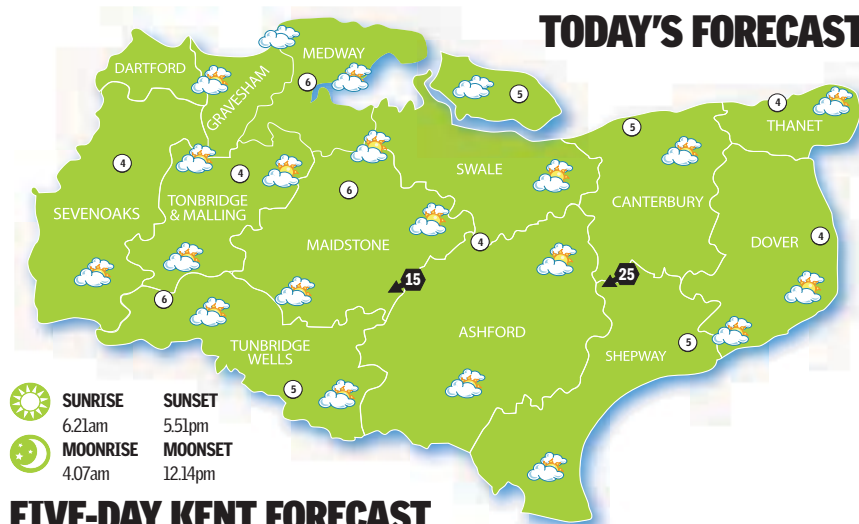
WEEKEND HIGH TIDES

Chatham	Saturday	11:38am	5.5m
	Sunday	12:14pm	5.7m
Dover	Saturday	9:59am	5.9m
	Sunday	10:32am	6.1m
Dungeness	Saturday	9:44am	6.6m
	Sunday	10:24am	6.9m
Ramsgate	Saturday	10:29am	4.5m
	Sunday	11:02am	4.6m
Sheerness	Saturday	11:27am	5.3m
	Sunday	12:04pm	5.5m
Whitstable	Saturday	11:42am	4.9m
	Sunday	12:17pm	5.0m



AROUND THE WORLD YESTERDAY

Amsterdam	4°C	Madrid	4°C
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Barcelona	1°C	Paris	4°C
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Bombay	31°C	Sydney	29°C
Cape Town	36°C	Tenerife	22°C
Cardiff	4°C	Tokyo	7°C
Gibraltar	17°C	Vancouver	8°C
Hong Kong	16°C	Warsaw	-1°C
Las Palmas	22°C	Wellington	18°C



FIVE-DAY KENT FORECAST

	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon		Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
Ashford	6°C	6°C	6°C	9°C	9°C	Gravesend	7°C	6°C	7°C	9°C	9°C
Canterbury	5°C	5°C	6°C	8°C	7°C	Maidstone	6°C	6°C	6°C	9°C	9°C
Chatham	5°C	5°C	6°C	8°C	8°C	Ramsgate	5°C	5°C	6°C	8°C	7°C
Dartford	7°C	6°C	7°C	9°C	9°C	Rochester	5°C	5°C	6°C	8°C	8°C
Dover	5°C	5°C	5°C	7°C	7°C	Sevenoaks	5°C	5°C	5°C	7°C	7°C
Faversham	5°C	5°C	6°C	8°C	8°C	Sittingbourne	5°C	5°C	6°C	8°C	8°C
Folkestone	5°C	5°C	5°C	7°C	7°C	Tonbridge	6°C	6°C	6°C	9°C	9°C
Gillingham	5°C	5°C	6°C	8°C	8°C	Tun Wells	6°C	6°C	6°C	9°C	9°C



REFITTED: The Allington Belle returns on Mother's Day

Mum's the word when the Belle is relaunched

PUSH the boat out for a fantastic Mother's Day treat at Maidstone's family attraction, Kent Life.

As spring finally arrives, the popular Allington Belle boat makes a welcome return on Sunday to give visitors a wonderful trip on the water. Over the winter, the boat underwent a well-deserved refit.

Taking a trip along the river will add an extra touch of magic to a day out at Kent Life, where visitors can learn about the county's fascinating farming heritage in a fun, informal way. Return boat trips depart hourly from 11am, weather permitting, and tickets cost £5/£4 for adults or £2 for children.

Learn more about the countryside and its residents by following the new wildlife discovery trail that gives an insight into the natural life of the area.

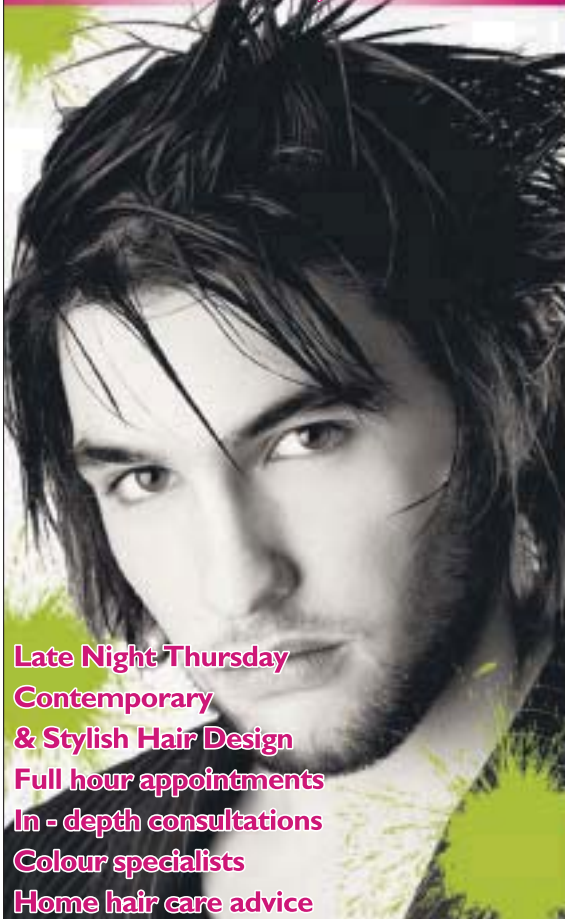
There are also opportunities to learn about period homes that can be seen at Kent Life, as John Howard will be offering guided tours from 11.30am, subject to demand.

With lots of animals such as horses, pigs, goats, donkeys and sheep to meet, Kent Life is offering fantastic family entertainment for Mother's Day.

Admission starts at £3 for children (under-threes get in for free). For more information visit www.kentlife.org.uk or call 01622 763936.

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A packed week at Hook festival



ECLECTIC: Dreadzone bring a fusion of reggae, techno trance and folk to Quarterhouse

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

JAZZ, indie, blues, pop and dub reggae are just some of the range of musical genres being performed at this week's Hook festival in Folkestone.

It's the second such event at the town's arts venue Quarterhouse since it opened last year.

Highlights include Barker and Shaw at the Movies this Friday March 12, where acclaimed jazz musicians Guy Barker and Ian Shaw celebrate the joy of cinema.

Mercury Prize-nominated trumpeter, composer and broadcaster Barker joins forces with Hythe jazz vocalist and pianist Ian Shaw for an evening dedicated to the silver screen.

Tickets for the show at 8pm are £12.50 with £10 concessions, and a £22 meal deal is also available.

On Saturday, March 13, energetic indie outfit Dogs take to the stage, fresh from touring with the likes of Paul Weller, Razorlight and The Enemy.

The band will be supported by Kent-based Autumn Few, The Flack and Nic Bennett with Club Buff DJs. Tickets are £7 and the night kicks off at 7.30pm.

Acclaimed singer-songwriter Maiuko, based in Folkestone's Creative Quarter, brings her blend of African sounds, jazz and blues on Sunday evening.

Preparing for the release of her next album Roots Harmonia later this year, Maiuko and her Quartet will be supported by Laye Sow and Paul Cheneour. Tickets are £7 in advance or £8 on the night.

Then at 8pm on Friday, March 19, Dreadzone bring their eclectic fusion of dub reggae, techno, trance and folk. Last year saw the band play to huge crowds at festivals and venues around the UK and Europe. Tickets are £14.

An evening of Salsa on Saturday, March 20, starts off with a class from Salsa Tiempo before hitting the floor with one of the hottest bands around, Palenke. Tickets are £12 or £10 concessions starting at 7pm, with a £22 meal deal.

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- 2 Craig Sheridan - 27/2 The Alma, Deal
- 3 Shelta - 5/3 Water Rats, Grays Inn Road
- 4 Audio Bullies - 19/3 The Westcoast, Margate
- 5 Rock Night (various artists, including Colt 44) King Edward VII, Margate

Saturday, March 27, sees Gabby Young and Other Animals play their unique experimental take on folk, indie and pop, supported by Kent-based Syd Arthur. Tickets are £8, starting at 8pm.

Free events for children include junk percussion show Bang On! on Sunday March 11.

To book call the Quarterhouse on 01303 858500, go to www.quarterhouse.co.uk or visit the box office in Tontine Street, Folkestone.



SHOPPERS' PARADISE: Chatuchak market is the perfect place to restock your wardrobe, with more than 5,000 stalls from which to choose

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Pick up a bargain before relaxing in exotic luxury

■ BY SARAH O'MEARA

UNLIKE Prague, Berlin and Paris, the capital city of Thailand – Bangkok – hasn't yet made it into the city break hall of fame.

However, as airlines cut long-haul fares to beat the recession, more travellers are likely to find themselves stopping off there, either as a curtain-raiser to the rest of this intriguing country or breaking their journey to some far flung shore for a dose of winter sun.

We'd wisely chosen a hotel that offered respite from the city's hub-bub, the newly-opened President Place Hotel in the business area of Sukhumvit.

Within easy reach of the main markets and historic centre of Bangkok, it still manages to provide luxuriously big rooms, free wi-fi and a swimming pool – all from 4,000 baht (£76) per night.

In the company of a girlfriend, we decided that before hitting the sights, including Bangkok's extraordinary Royal Palace, we needed to pay our respects to one of Bangkok's great cultural landmarks – Chatuchak market.

Open every weekend, this open-air, 5000-plus stall affair is well known among travellers as the only place to go for incredible bargains and a once-in-a-lifetime shopping experience.

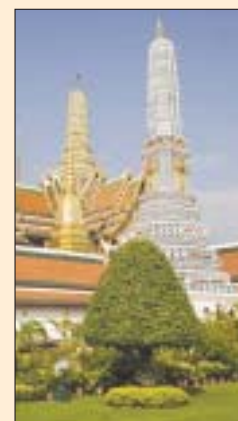
Although prices have gradually crept up to match the spending capacity of the more wealthy customers, Chatuchak is still perfect for finding cheap clothes, jewellery and obscure presents.

Heaving with shoppers by midday,

FACT FILE: BANGKOK

Time difference	+Seven hours (GMT)
Capital	Bangkok
Language	Thai
Population	77,500,000
Currency	Baht
Religion	Buddhist

Sarah O'Meara flew with Thai Airways, which offers Bangkok return fares ex-Heathrow from £509 (two travelling) which include return domestic flights within Thailand to one of 12 destinations. Offer applies for travel until June 30 if booked by March 31. Room rates at the President Park Hotel, Bangkok, start at 4,000 baht (£76).



it's best to get there early (as it's a lot cooler), and accept that at one point you're bound to lose your companions.

As the second most expensive city in south-east Asia, behind Singapore, it can be easy to feel a little small in Bangkok. Edifices built with the profits of high finance soar up around you, filled with luxurious restaurants and extraordinary views.

It's easy for those with just a few baht in their pocket to wander straight past, but don't miss out on this side of the city just because you've got into the habit of spending £1 on lunch.

Head to the bar at the top of one of the hotels. These are open to everyone and are the most perfect setting for a cocktail.

Try the Banyan Tree's Moon bar,

which is located on the 61st floor.

Of all the five-star hotels overlooking the Chao Phraya river at the heart of the city, none sum up the feelings of old-school elegance quite like this 130-year-old hotel, which has seen Joseph Conrad and Ernest Hemingway walk through its doors.

Taking you back to a long-lost era of ceiling fans, lush indoor plants, wooden slatted windows and waiters, dinner on its charming terrace feels like an obligation, rather than a choice.

After two full body massages, followed by a herbal steam and scrub, we left the grandeur of the hotel's spa and hopped on to the hotel's private boat, which took us back across the river for dinner, dressed in our newly purchased dresses.

There are definitely worse ways to spend an evening.

MOTORS NEWS



Value for money Skoda winds up the Audi set

NO FAVOURS are sought or given at Volkswagen, judging by the way Skoda's Superb Estate bargain stacks up against VW posh brand Audi's A6 Avant.

The newcomer from VW's Czech brand starts at £17,715 for petrol versions with generous standard kit while the German exec model starts at ten grand more with a fairly ordinary spec for openers.

Most buyers though will surely check out the Superb diesel line-up from £18,185 also including a 'poor man's Quattro' 4x4 version from £23,770.



Mazda's economic new 6 a tax beater

ZOOM-Zoom motor brand Mazda has revised its company car star for 2010.

Dartford-based Mazda UK says the new-look Mazda6 hatchback and estate line-up (from £16,990) has been refreshed inside and out and Benefit in Kind tax, fuel economy and CO2 emissions improved – the latter are now as low as 138g/km.

Mazda UK sales and marketing chief Mark Cameron said: "Dynamic and engaging driving characteristics have also played a big part in the success of Mazda6 and they remain at the heart of the upgraded model."



Micra No4 a step up in the high-tech stakes

NISSAN has taken the wraps off its fourth-generation Micra supermini, due here this autumn.

The design does not look as mould-breaking as its predecessor, but the Japanese brand says the newcomer will break ground technically with an all-new three-cylinder petrol engine including supercharged, direct injection and ultra low-emission versions.

It will also be offered with a highly-efficient new generation Continuously Variable Transmission (CVT – automatic) – probably a sign of where smaller cars are going.

Cabin space should be good too with a longer wheelbase.



FAULT FEAR: The third-generation Prius is one of three million Toyota cars recalled by the Japanese motoring giant worldwide due to a potentially sticky throttle pedal

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ROAD TEST TOYOTA PRIUS

BY STEVE LOADER

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Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

on its feet though, thanks to a 90 per cent re-engineering of the hybrid system and auto gearbox.

The old 1.5-litre engine has made way for a new 1.8, bringing 24 per cent more power totalling 134bhp in tandem with the car's electric motor.

This gives equivalent performance to a conventional 2.0-litre family car and addresses the Mark II's Achilles Heel – poor motorway fuel consumption.

Cruising efficiency is said to be up 10 per cent now, with an official combined fuel consumption of 72.4mpg.

Driving deliberately as 'Mr Awkward' I couldn't get near that, but I reckon I was up in the 50s and 60s most of the time and despite one high speed dash of about 80 miles, so the big weakness has been put right.

The Prius also now has the lowest CO2 emissions (89g/km) of any UK family car and qualifies for zero road tax – the previous car was liable to £35/year – and can even be switched to EV (electric vehicle) running only, producing zero emissions for up to two kilometres at speeds up to 31mph – ideal for school runs and shopping trips.



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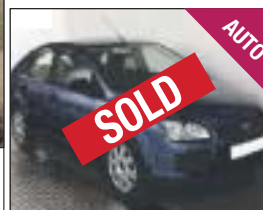


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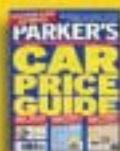
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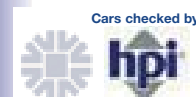
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THE current situation sees a more favourable environment for self-build homes, according to one industry expert.

Increased land availability, falling prices and cheaper materials and labour mean there is a real demand from homeowners frustrated by the current property market, according to Raymond Connor, chief executive of construction supplier BuildStore.

"There has never been a better time or more affordable time, to build your own house," he said.

Mr Connor called on the Government and local authorities to recognise this trend and aid self-build projects.

Bank reviews range of new lending products

NATWEST Intermediary Solutions has added a buy-to-let product to its range, and altered the rates on other products.

The two-year fixed rate mortgage now offers an initial rate of 3.55 per cent up to a maximum loan-to-value of 70 per cent, with a £999 arrangement fee.

A buy-to-let two-year tracker mortgage has been added to the range, offering an initial rate of 4.99 per cent up to 70 per cent LTV with a £1,999 fee.

In NatWest's launch range the rate on its two-year tracker 90 per cent LTV mortgage has been increased to offer an initial rate of 5.69 per cent with a £999 fee and its three-year fixed rate 90 per cent LTV mortgage has increased to an initial rate of 6.59 per cent.

Experts predict bright future for landlords

AFTER 18 months of uncertainty for the buy-to-let market experts are predicting better times ahead for landlords, says specialist insurance website Coverlines

Experts say that property probably won't get any cheaper and there is still demand for good quality accommodation in the right location from tenants.

And while property prices have fallen, rents have not seen a similar dip.

According to research from Paragon Mortgages, a specialist buy-to-let lender, most landlords have been able to maintain their charges over the last couple of years, with a significant minority saying they have even been able to raise them.

But while properties are now cheaper, mortgages are not so easy to come by.



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CHANGING TIMES: The post-war need to reduce urban sprawl has been replaced by the need to take climate change and quality of life into account, says Professor Beddington

Call to review strategy on long-term land use

■ BY NICK AMES

THE Government needs to overhaul the land use planning system to cope with future housing needs and the green agenda, its chief scientist has warned.

Professor John Beddington has warned the current land use system – which dates back to World War Two – is not fit for purpose in the 21st century.

He said that many of its statutes are dated and far greater provision needs to be made for environmental concerns which were simply not on the agenda more than half a century ago when the strategy currently being used was drawn up.

Acknowledged expert on environmental affairs Prof Beddington said post-war aims such as reducing urban sprawl have been met and that planners would now need to focus on problems like providing more residential and commercial development.

He made his statement in a report Land Use

Futures, which was sponsored by government departments Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and Communities and Local Government.

Another vital factor to be taken into account is the overall quality of life for residents who will see things such as climate change have a lasting impact on coming generations.

He said more development would be needed in the next 50 years to cope with an ageing population, and development needed to be planned to reduce pressure on transport infrastructure.

Problems would be most acute in the South East, he added.

"Business as usual is not an option over the long-term," he said. "Without being smart about how land is used, we risk missing targets, such as halting biodiversity loss."

"The effects of climate change and new pressures on land could escalate, seriously eroding

the quality of life," said Prof Beddington. He said the Government needed to make critical choices on the priorities for land use in different parts of the UK, how to accommodate more development while protecting landscapes, and how to promote use of the land that is sustainable.

Prof Beddington is a specialist in the economics and biology of sustainable management of renewable resources, and has previously advised UK ministers on scientific and environmental issues.

He chairs the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs science advisory panel and the Defence Scientific Advisory Committee, and is a member of the Natural Environmental Research Council.

He has also advised the European Commission and the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation.

Professor Beddington was awarded the Heidelberg Award for Environmental Excellence in June 1997 and was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society in 2001

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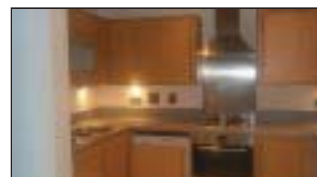


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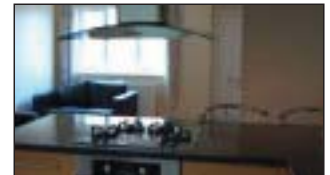
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EXIT: Brendon Cass joined Folkestone last week

FOOTBALL

Chats finally end their losing streak

Chatham Town 2 Whyteleafe 1

JACK Pullen scored twice as Chatham Town recovered from a poor start to end their losing streak with victory at home to Whyteleafe on Saturday.

The teenager, on loan from Dartford, netted his first goals for the club in a six-minute spell just before the half hour mark. It made amends for conceding a goal to the visitors inside five minutes, but Pullen's brace secured a much-needed victory to end a run of five straight defeats.

Manager Alex O'Brien, who was unable to attend the game, was nonetheless pleased with the result.

He said: "It's nice to stop the rot in a way but it's now what can we do to build on it? It's alright winning a game but we have to keep doing that and go on an unbeaten run. It's fantastic for Jack to score two goals – he's been very patient and worked hard."

Pullen was only in the starting line-up due to top scorer Brendon Cass' departure to Ryman South leaders Folkestone Invicta last Thursday.

O'Brien said: "The bottom line is how can you stop a player going to a club top of the league and offering him more money? Brendon didn't really want to leave but he realised he was moving on to a team looking to go up."

New signing Jordan Kiffin, a winger from Chipstead, made his debut on Saturday but hopes of signing a striker on loan from Tonbridge Angels were thwarted when he was injured in training.

The Chats visit Ramsgate on Saturday.

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CHAMPIONS ELECT: Invicta Dynamos are red hot favourites to retain the league title after goals from Elliot Andrews (left) and Nicky Lewis (right) helped them past Bracknell

Dynamos close to within a point of retaining the title

ICE HOCKEY

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Invicta Dynamos 4

Bracknell Hornets 2

INVICTA Dynamos edged to within reach of retaining the National League South 1 title with a victory against rivals Bracknell Hornets on Sunday.

The win knocked the Berkshire club out of the title race and, with Cardiff simultaneously losing at Chelmsford, the Mos need just one point from their final four games to wrap up the league title.

A defeat at Cardiff a week earlier had increased the pressure on the Mos ahead of the Bracknell game, but head coach Kevin Parrish felt it was a convincing victory.

He said: "We needed that to take a bit of pressure off ourselves. Bracknell are a good side, they came out the traps flying but so did we. I think our high energy in the first period won it and just as they probably have the measure of us at their rink, we have them at our place."

"Some other results went our way as well so we'll be looking to get that point as quickly as possible, although we'll still want to finish strongly to take the form into the play-offs."

Bracknell had beaten the Mos twice on their home rink and needed a victory to keep their slim title hopes alive. They faced a home side without the injured Ryan Giles and Nolan Boike as well as the suspended Mark Williams.

The Mos opened the scoring on ten minutes against the run of play. With Jack Tarczycki and Tim Smith sitting in the sin bin, Andy

Smith counter-attacked and shot beyond David Wride to give the shorthanded side the lead.

Elliot Andrews made it 2-0 four minutes later and before the end of the first period Nicky Lewis converted from close range to put the hosts firmly in charge.

The frenetic start meant the pace slowed in the second period, which developed into a tight, tactical battle. It remained 3-0 until the 36th minute, when Anthony Leone notched his first goal since rejoining the club in mid-season.

The Hornets pulled a goal back in the final seconds of the period and they narrowed the deficit to two with another goal in the final frame. But it did not mark the start of a comeback and Mos' netminder Joe White stood firm for the rest of the game.

The Mos' first opportunity to clinch the title comes this Saturday, when they visit Wightlink Raiders. Defeat there would carry the league on to Sunday, when Cardiff visit the Gillingham Ice Bowl. Face-off is at 5.15pm.



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Jackson's double sends Gills nearer to safety

FOOTBALL

BY DAVID PRITCHARD

Gillingham 2

Jackson 7, 46

Huddersfield Town 0



AFTER enduring a barren winter, Gillingham came out of hibernation in the weak sunshine at Priestfield on Saturday to produce their best display in months.

Although they were helped by high-flying Huddersfield playing with ten men for more than an hour, the Gills thoroughly deserved their victory, which arrived courtesy of a Simeon Jackson double. The result came in the same positive, attacking style which had proved so productive in the opening weeks of the season, when Swindon, Millwall and Exeter were ripped to shreds.

Gills boss Mark Stimson struggled to think of the last time his side had performed so well over 90 minutes.

"It's been a while," he said. "It's been waiting to happen but you have to make it happen for that period of time. It's no good doing it for 30 minutes or 45 minutes, you have to maintain it. I think we looked a bit like last year where we soaked up pressure but on the break we had pace and could create something out of nothing."



Picture: ADY KERRY

DOUBLE: Simeon Jackson made it 17 goals for the season with two classy strikes against Huddersfield on Saturday

As in the best displays at Priestfield this season, the Gills began like a side in a hurry. Huddersfield should reach the play-offs in May but spent the first 20 minutes chasing blue ghosts.

Rene Howe had already seen two efforts saved before Jackson scored the opener on seven minutes, superbly volleying home left-footed from 20 yards. Huddersfield's task grew more difficult on 26 minutes when Nathan Ecclestone received a straight red card for a two-footed challenge on Stuart Lewis, who was thankfully able to continue.

Jackson doubled the lead with an equally impressive finish 20 seconds into the second-

Gillingham starting XI



Subs used: Oli (Howe 73)

half. Running on to Howe's flick-on he sprinted clear before curling the ball round the onrushing Alex Smithies.

Unbelievably it was the first time since December 19 the side had scored more than once, a sequence which has troubled Stimson. He said: "It's ridiculous with the strikers and attacking players we've got. How that run has gone on baffles me because I like to get my teams to score as many goals as possible. It's nice to crack that with two goals and now we can hopefully build on that."

Huddersfield rallied late on but could not find a way past a Gillingham defence with the best home record in the league.

Victory gave Gillingham a welcome five-point cushion over the bottom four. A handful of similar performances in the coming weeks should see the side stay up with a degree of comfort, but the challenge is repeating it. Significantly the Gills have only won back-to-back league games once this season, but they will not have a better chance of breaking their away duck than with their trip to rock bottom Stockport County this weekend.



TEAM TALK

with Gills skipper
BARRY FULLER

'Being a spectator is not my cup of tea'

SATURDAY'S performance was probably the best we've had since Millwall way back in September and I don't think Huddersfield would have had too many complaints if it had finished 3-0 or 4-0.

We started so well and when we've done that at Priestfield this season the other team have struggled to cope, no matter where they are in the league. The key was not to give them time on the ball, which we did when we lost at their place earlier in the season. It worked and that's how we got the first goal – their full-back had the ball but Adam Miller closed him down, won the ball and gave it to Simeon [Jackson] to score.

Both goals were great finishes. Jacko went through a quiet stage and he was left out of the team but a goalscorer never stays quiet for long. Sitting on the bench might have been good for him to get fired up and since he's come back the goals have flowed, so maybe the manager should take a pat on the back for that one.

The game was the first one I'd seen since breaking my arm against Leyton Orient. Players hate watching and I think I'm one of the worst. I get agitated and I think I talked my dad's ears off sitting up in the stands.

I tried to do some running on Saturday but it was still a bit soon, although I've been able to do some work on the bike, which is pleasing. We had applied to do some work in an oxygen chamber, but the specialist said it only helps once the bone has started to knit together, so maybe we'll do that in a couple of weeks.

Hopefully the lads can build on Saturday and get that away monkey off our backs with a win at Stockport this weekend.

LEAGUE TABLES

(BEFORE LAST NIGHT'S FIXTURES)
COCA-COLA LEAGUE TWO

	P	W	D	L	Gd	Pt
1 Norwich City	35	23	6	6	+37	75
2 Leeds United	34	19	11	4	+30	68
3 Charlton Athletic	35	18	12	5	+23	66
4 Colchester United	33	18	8	7	+17	62
5 Swindon Town	33	16	12	5	+11	60
6 Millwall	34	16	11	7	+15	59
7 Huddersfield Town	35	16	10	9	+18	58
8 Milton Keynes Dons	34	16	4	14	+1	52
9 Bristol Rovers	34	16	3	15	-3	51
10 Southampton (-10)	33	14	12	7	+25	44
11 Walsal	34	9	11	12	-2	44
12 Carlisle United	34	10	11	13	-3	41
13 Yeovil Town	35	10	11	14	-6	41
14 Brentford	31	9	12	10	0	39
15 Hartlepool United	34	10	8	16	-7	38
16 Leyton Orient	34	9	11	14	-7	38
17 Brighton & Hove Albion	33	9	10	14	-11	37
18 Gillingham	35	9	10	16	-11	37
19 Tranmere Rovers	33	10	6	17	-22	36
20 Oldham Athletic	32	8	9	15	-14	33
21 Exeter City	37	7	11	16	-15	32
22 Southend United	34	8	8	18	-36	32
23 Wycombe Wanderers	35	6	11	18	-25	29
24 Stockport County	34	5	8	21	-35	23

RYMAN DIVISION ONE SOUTH

1 Folkestone Invicta (-10)	29	21	5	3	+23	58
2 Croydon Athletic	27	17	6	4	+33	57
3 Worthing	30	18	3	9	+21	57
4 Fleet Town	30	16	4	10	+19	52
5 Walton & Hersham	30	15	6	9	+10	51
6 Godalming Town (-3)	26	16	3	7	+17	48
7 Sittingbourne	27	14	5	8	+20	47
8 Burgess Hill Town	29	11	9	9	+5	42
9 Metropolitan Police	29	11	8	10	+11	41
10 Horsham YMCA	32	10	11	11	+2	41
11 Leatherhead	27	12	4	11	+11	40
12 Chatham Town	31	12	3	16	-13	39
13 Witleydale	30	11	5	14	+2	38
14 Ramsgate	30	9	11	10	+4	38
15 Merstham	30	10	8	12	-10	38
16 Dulwich Hamlet	30	9	10	11	-3	37
17 Corinthian-Casuals	30	10	3	17	-14	33
18 Clapton	30	8	6	16	-14	30
19 Walton Casuals	31	6	8	17	-18	26
20 Whitstable Town	28	8	2	18	-35	26
21 Ashford Town	27	5	8	14	-31	23
22 Eastbourne Town	31	4	10	17	-32	22

KENT LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION TABLE

1 Faversham Town	21	17	2	2	+39	53
2 Herne Bay	18	14	1	3	+22	43
3 Sevenoaks Town	19	10	4	5	+10	34
4 Beckenham Town	20	9	5	6	+12	32
5 Erith & Belvedere	21	9	5	7	-2	32

9 Deal Town	17	7	4	6	0	25
10 Tunbridge Wells	20	6	7	7	-2	25
11 Sporting Bengal Utd	24	7	4	13	-30	25
12 Holmesdale	19	6	3	10	-3	21
13 Norton Sports	17	5	3	9	-8	18
14 Corinthian	21	4	3	14	-25	15
15 Fisher	20	3	4	13	-25	13
16 Lordswood	19	1	7	11	-24	10

FIXTURES (Saturday): Coca-Cola Football League One: Stockport County v Gillingham; Ryman Division One South: Ramsgate v Chatham Town; Kent League Premier Division: Lordswood v Faversham Town

Barcham ready to break Gills' woeful away form

FOOTBALL

GILLINGHAM winger Andy Barcham is desperate for the side to follow up their superb win against Huddersfield with an away win at Stockport this weekend.

The Gills' 2-0 win on Saturday built a useful gap over the sides in the bottom four, but they have been held back all season by their woeful away form. They are still waiting for a first triumph on the road and Barcham is determined to help break the hoodoo at the bottom club on Saturday.

He said: "Starting with Stockport we definitely need to start winning away from home. It's no good turning Huddersfield over and then losing away. We've said it time and time again this season where we've performed really well at home and then gone away to a winnable game and we seem to come unstuck. We're not sure why, but hopefully on Saturday we can put it to bed."

Barcham excelled on Saturday on his first start in five games. The winger admitted it had been hard to go from a first-team regular to watching games from the bench, but believes the added competition has helped the club improve their results in recent weeks.

He said: "Everyone's playing for their places. I've had a spell on the sidelines and I know what it's like, no one wants to be there, but it's all good for the team because everyone's fighting to stay on top of their game and not lose their place for the next game."



Picture: ADY KERRY

FOCUS: Andy Barcham wants first away win at Stockport

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